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HAPPY Diwali

Our offices and press will remain closed today and there will be no issue of the paper on Wednesday

35% HIGHER INTAKE OF STUDENTS FROM INDIA IN U.S. COLLEGES LAST YR

The number of Indian students enrolling in US colleges last year went up by 35%, rebounding from a pandemic slump. It was an all-time high

CHINA STILL ON TOP OF THE NUMBERS GAME

China still accounts for the most international students in the US, with 2.90 lakh last year compared to India's 2.69 lakh. But China's numbers are down for the third consecutive year, according to the Open Doors 2023 report. Overall, the number of foreign students in the US grew by 12% in the 2022-23 academic year, the biggest single-year increase in over 40 years

INTL STUDENTS PREFER GRADUATE COURSES

- Most Indian students are admitted to graduate programmes, often in science, technology and business courses | P9
- For the second consecutive year, America's grad programmes were the main attraction for foreign students. It reverses a trend from the previous decade, which saw undergraduates come in larger numbers

1 million

STUDENTS CAME FROM ABROAD TO THE U.S. LAST YR, THE MOST SINCE 2019-20

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Illustration: Soumyadip Sinha

3 ft dia pipe to be pushed in for rescue

All 40 trapped workers safe; collapse occurred between 205 m and 265 m on Silkyara side on Sunday at 5.30 am

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

WITH part of an under-construction tunnel collapsing in Uttarkashi on Sunday following landslides, trapping about 40 workers in its wake, operations are on to clear the debris and rescue them. All workers are safe and are being provided food and oxygen through pre-existing pipes.

The accident happened in the Silkyara side of the tunnel that would terminate at Barkot when it is complete.

The Union road transport ministry said the caving in began at 5.30 am when about 40 workers were inside the tunnel doing reprofiling work 260-265 metre from the Silkyara portal. A collapse occurred between 205 metres and 260 metres, trapping all 40 workers, the statement said.

Rescue teams have cleared debris up to 28 metres; rubble from about 32 metres more needs to removed. The problem is fresh mud keeps falling as the rubble gets cleared.

To prevent that, rescuers are doing what is called shotcreting (concrete spraying) with machines, which is a time-consuming process.

After discussions with experts and inspection of the behaviour of the fallen muck at the site, the Union ministry said it has been decided to push 3 ft diameter steel pipes through the rest of the debris with the help of a hydraulic jack to evacuate the workers.

Specialised machines

While excavation with shotcreting (concrete spraying) for 40 metres of collapsed tunnel has started, another shotcrete machine has been shifted to the work site, the Union road transport ministry said

The tunnel is quite wide. It has an excavated diameter of 15.3 metres and finished diameter of 12.77 metres.

Parallelly, the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation has recalled its former General Manager Colonel Deepak Patil, who was transferred to Jaipur from Uttarkashi just last week — on November 6 — to lead the rescue operations. Col Patil had monitored the project for five years before his transfer. He will be airlifted from Dehradun to the Barkot disaster site on Tuesday morning.

About 2,340 metres of the tunnel from the Silkyara side and 1,750 metres from Barkot side have already been built. Just 441 metres of the 4531-metre tunnel is yet to excavated.

The Silkyara-Barkot distance by road is about 25.6 km, which the tunnel aims to reduce to just 4.5 km, cutting travel time from 50 minutes to 5 minutes. It's is part of the Chardham project for all-weather seamless connectivity for pilgrims.

District Magistrate Abhishek Rohilla said, "Health department teams are stationed at the tunnel gate with experts and proper medical equipment, ambulances. In case of any adverse situation, hospitals in adjoining districts and AIIMS Rishikesh have been put on high alert."

New criminal law bills a copy-paste job, say Oppn MPs

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the three Bills replacing the existing criminal laws are set to be taken up in the winter session of Parliament starting December 4, eight opposition MPs recorded their dissent.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs adopted its reports on the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam earlier this month and submitted them to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday.

The Opposition MPs who filed dissent notes are Congress' Digvijaya Singh, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, P Chidambaram, and Ravneet Singh; TMC's Derek O'Brien and Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar; and DMK's Dayanidhi Maran and N R Elango.

The MPs said the Bills were "largely a copy and paste" of the existing laws and opposed their Hindi names, saying the move was an affront to the non-Hindi speaking people.

93% of existing law intact: TMC

TMC's O'Brien said 93% of existing laws remain intact, 18 out of 22 chapters have been copy-pasted, implying the existing laws could have been tweaked to incorporate these changes

Calling it as a "wasteful exercise that will have many undesirable consequences, former minister P Chidambaram said: "All that the Bills have done is to make a few amendments (some acceptable, some not acceptable), rearrange the sections of the existing laws, and merge different sections into one section with many sub-sections", adding that under Article 348 of the Constitution, all Acts shall be in the English language.

The three Bills seek to replace the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Evidence Act. In his dissent note, Chowdhury, leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha, said, "The law is vastly the same. Only renumbered and rearranged.

The MPs also pointed out important stakeholders such as state governments, Bar Associations, state and central police, the National Law School Universities, judges of the subordinate judiciary, eminent retired judges of the SC and the High Courts, or legal scholars were not consulted.

49K women GP members to be trained in leadership skills

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

TO help women gram panchayat members hone leadership skills, the state government will conduct a residential training programme to over 49,000 such members from November 16. There are over 6,000 gram panchayats and nearly one lakh members in the state.

Of the members, 49,000 are women. The programme will be held by Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development (ANSSIRD) under the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department at various centres across the state. Around 40 members of four to six gram panchayats will be trained in each centre.

K Lakshmi Priya, Director of ANSSIRD, told *The New Indian Express* that probably it is for the first time in the country that such a training programme for women gram panchayat members is being held in the state.

A training module has been designed in consultation with various stakeholders, including NGOs.

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IIMs under Centre, Prez to pick directors

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Centre appears to have taken control of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) as it notified new norms for the appointment of the board of governors and directors in these prestigious, autonomous institutes.

The new norms make the President of India the Visitor of each IIM, giving the government the final say in the appointment of the chairperson of the board and the director.

The government also changed the eligibility criteria for IIM directors. Under the new norms, applicants should have first class degrees in both Bachelor's and Master's, along with a PhD or an equivalent qualification from a reputed institute.

Earlier, the criteria used to be a "distinguished academic with PhD or equivalent." There was also no mention of the required division for the degrees earlier. It may be recalled that the appointment Dheeraj Sharma as IIM-Rohtak director was mired in controversy, as he had a second division in his Bachelor's.

The President will now have the powers to appoint and remove directors and dissolve the boards, if need be.

"Provided that where the Visitor is not satisfied with the names recommended by the Board, he or she may ask the Board to make fresh recommendations. If the Visitor is not satisfied with the panel of names recommended by the Board, the Board shall get a fresh panel of three names recommended through the same search-cum-selection committee or a fresh search-cum-selection committee," the notification issued by the Centre read.

Earlier, the board was solely responsible for the appointment of the director. Also, there was no such clause for the dissolution of the board earlier. The President is the Visitor of all the central universities and IITs and appoints their vice-chancellors and directors.

The concept of a Visitor in IIMs first found a mention in the draft of the present Act released by the government in 2015. However, the IIMs had resisted the move, saying it would put a question mark on their autonomous powers.

The new norms give the Centre significant powers to appoint / dissolve IIM boards.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

College students light diyas to celebrate Deepavali festival in Dharwad on Monday | EXPRESS

Stray dog on Goa airport runway, Vistara flight returns to Bengaluru

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

INSTEAD of the usual 1.20-hour journey from Bengaluru to Goa, nearly 180 flyers of a Vistara flight on Monday landed at the Dabolim airport 5.5 hours late.

The reason for this was that the flight reached the Dabolim Navy Airbase on time, but was sent back to Bengaluru due to "wildlife movement" on the runway, according to two individuals representing Vistara.

According to Vistara, Flight UK 881 left Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport at 12.55 pm and returned at 3.05 pm. The Airbus A-320 aircraft took off again at 4.55 pm and reached Goa at 6.15 pm.

A flyer said refuelling was done at KIA for an hour before its second take-off.

According to Dabolim airport sources, "Just as UK 881 approached the airport, a stray dog was spotted on the runway by the ground staff. The air traffic control alerted the pilot of the flight not to land immediately. This is a standard procedure done until the ground staff clear the runway. However, we don't know why the pilot decided to return to Bengaluru."

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RESHUFFLE

Sunak sacks home secy, names former PM to cabinet

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

FORMER British Prime Minister David Cameron has been appointed as the new foreign secretary, replacing James Cleverly who has been made the new home secretary as the incumbent Suella Braverman was sacked for her controversial media article.

Cameron's appointment comes as a surprise as he has not been in active politics since he stepped down as UK's prime minister in 2016 after losing the Brexit vote, having campaigned for the UK to remain in the European Union.

David Cameron

Suella Braverman

India's foreign minister S Jaishankar, who is on an official visit to the UK, met the new foreign secretary on Monday and held a discussion on "realising the full potential of our strategic partnership".

UK's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak had to rejig his cabinet and sack Suella Braverman after she wrote an article accusing the police of being soft in its treatment of protesters at pro-Palestinian demonstrations who engage in aggression and break the law. She also said that the organisers of the protest had links to terrorist groups, including Hamas and called the protesters 'hate marchers'.

After her broadside, there were calls from her party and the opposition to replace her.

'Veerappan territory' is now open to tourists

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

NINETEEN years after the death of forest brigand Veerappan, the forest terrains at Gopinatham, where he was operating, are now open to the public with the forest department launching a jungle safari in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

People visiting the Male Mahadeshwara Temple or the Hogenakkal Falls can make use of this facility from 6am to 9.30am and 4pm to 6.30pm. This facility is aimed at attracting tourists on the lines of Bandipur and BR Hills safari.

Tourists take a safari ride near Male Mahadeshwara Hills | EXPRESS

The forest office at Gopinatham has the bust of martyred IFS officer P Srinivas, who was beheaded by Veerappan in 1991. The safari, which was introduced on an experimental basis in August, was inaugurated a few days ago. A sum of Rs 5 crore to promote eco-tourism in the Gopinatham region was earmarked in the budget presented by the Yeddyurappa government.

The safari now attracts people not only from Karnataka, but also from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and other parts of the country. The fee charged is Rs 500 per person and Rs 300 for children aged below six. The sanctuary is home to leopards, elephants, sambar deer, bears and other animals. Once a "no go" area because of the brigand, Gopinatham is now bustling with tourists.

People of Gopinatham and nearby villages expressed the hope that the new safari will bring more tourists and thereby help boost the local economy.

EXPRESS READ

Women can show digi proof for free bus ride

Bengaluru: Women passengers can travel in state government buses under the Shakti scheme by producing their local domicile proof on their phone using the Digilocker app. Women passengers travelling in state corporation buses like KSRTC, KKRTC and NWKRTC had repeatedly complained to the authorities concerned that conductors were insisting on them buying tickets if they failed to carry original IDs or photocopies. **P4**

Nine from two families killed in Hyderabad fire

Hyderabad: Nine people belonging to two families died of asphyxiation and burns while another person was injured in a major fire in a residential building in the Nampally area here on Monday. Ten people were found in an unconscious condition on different floors of the apartment complex, which has ground and four upper floors. Twenty-one people were trapped on different floors of the building. **P5**

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ALMANAC TODAY
Tuesday: 14/11/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Karthika • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Prathami 2.04 pm
Nakshatra: Anuradha 3.35 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 17°C | MAX 22°C
FORECAST Overcast

Sunrise 6.17 am
Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 6.57 am
Moonset 6.34 pm

BDA Master Plan '41 likely by June '25

Base map, land use map to be prepared after a drone survey of the city by KSRSAC

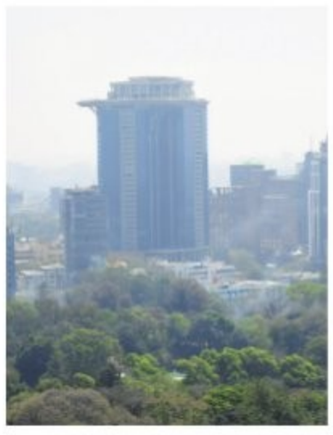
S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE city's much delayed Revised Master Plan (RMP) 2041 is now moving towards a deadline of June 2025. The crucial project, that lays the blueprint for the city's development for the next 15 years, received a shot in the arm as the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Centre (KSRSAC), which supplies maps and images captured by drones for the project, slashed its charges to nearly one-fourth of what it had quoted earlier.

L Shashikumar, Town Planning Member (TPM) at Bangalore Development Authority, told *TNIE*, "KSRSAC submitted a fresh proposal to us last month, specifying its cost as Rs 3.5 crore. It had earlier quoted Rs 12.15 crore for the same. Due to the reduced charges, we can now apply for exemption from calling for initial tenders for it under the 4G section of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act. BDA has a very good chance of getting exemption now as works up to Rs 5 crore gets exemption."

The proposal would be placed before the BDA Board at the upcoming meeting, and then sent to the state government for its consent.

Giving technical details, the member said, "KSRSAC will



generate a base map and land use land cover map, using drone survey-based orthorectified images. They were procured by the Survey department using large scale mapping."

The city presently uses Master Plan 2015.

Asked to specify a timeframe, the TPM said, "Actual work on the project could begin by January 2024 and by October next year, the draft of the RMP could be in place. We have many images and maps captured in the past which have to be updated. The draft has to be notified in the gazette, and public objections and suggestions sought. The government then needs to approve it. As of now, I can say it could be ready for use by June 2025."

BACKGROUND

BDA's RMP 2031 was provisionally approved by the government on November 22, 2017. It was submitted for final approval on January 17, 2019. However, provisional approval was withdrawn on June 22, 2020. The government asked BDA to submit a revised plan by incorporating Transit Oriented Development and revise the Floor Area Ratio and zonal regulations. A tender called for preparation of RMP 2041 in December 2021. There were no bidders. A second tender was called on April 11, 2022, and Rudrabhishek Enterprises emerged as the successful bidder. Meanwhile, a high-level meet decided to use drone imagery instead of satellite imagery. Hence, this tender was also cancelled.

The skywalk built three months ago by the BBMP is largely unused by public. It does not have lifts as HAL has to hand over land | EXPRESS

Without lifts, no takers for skywalk on Old Airport Rd

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE brand new skywalk connecting either side of the Old Airport Road on the Marathahalli route remains largely ignored by pedestrians mainly because of the absence of lifts and with people ready to risk their lives by crossing the road as they feel it is a shortcut involving no strain.

There are 35 steps on each side of the foot over bridge with a 50-metre path linking them. There is a provision for lifts, but work on it is yet to start due to land acquisition issues. Iron bars and other debris lie strewn about on the bridge while an open electric facility with multiple sockets appears to be inviting danger.

It was intended to help hundreds of HAL staff, who reside in the quarters along the stretch. But the irony is that HAL staff cross the spot daily aided by their own security staff during peak hours.

Shahid of Adoni firm, contracted with the job by BBMP, told TNIE, "We completed the skywalk at a cost of over Rs 1 crore months ago. We have placed orders for the lifts. We are waiting for the land to be handed over to us from HAL. The process has begun and HAL needs to get clearance from the defence department. One one side, we had excavated and created space for the lift but unless the other side is ready, it does not help to have just one lift. So, we closed that bearing public safety in mind."

When *TNIE* visited the spot, two individuals were spotted using the FOB while many were running across the road. Pedestrian Shomali R said, "It is clearly a longer route to scale steps and then walk the bridge. It is much quicker to just cross the road. Who wants to walk extra, tell me?"

Autodriver Sikandar Khan said, "Many times I have seen HAL staff run across the road as they need to punch-in before a specified time. Vehicles keep coming. They fall down but get up and continue."

Another autodriver Mohammed Akram added, "The elderly and women definitely prefer a lift with the skywalk. That should have been put in place first."

Poor state of lakes a big turn off, residents seek better water quality

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WHILE parks, gardens and the hundreds of lakes in the city can be of some solace to Bengalureans, a recently released survey showed that not many are happy with the condition of the water bodies. Over 89 per cent of people who frequent lakes were found to be living in close proximity.

The report — Lake Use — by ActionAid Association, an NGO that works for social and ecological justice, revealed that 157 out of 394 people surveyed expressed that odour emanating from lakes make them dislike going there. Ninety members responded that the walk paths were unsafe during the rainy season.

Many also pointed out that lack of toilets or non-maintenance were a huge problem while visiting the water bodies. The survey was conducted in four prominent lakes in South Bengaluru, such as Chunchaghatta, Doddakallasandra, Dorekere and Kothnur. A total of 394 individuals were surveyed who visited the lakes in the mornings and evenings. The report is based on a seven-day (from October 5 to October 11) interaction by volunteers from the NGO with passersby.

"The report talks about lacunas in the maintenance of lakes. Basic amenities such as broken sitting spaces and lack of toilets for senior citizens. The majority of respondents in Doddakallasandra and Dorekere lake also spoke about the quality of water in the lakes. Sewage is allowed to enter the lakes without any wetlands or barriers, it starts stinking," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, senior project lead at ActionAid.

The short survey attempts to shed light on the poor maintenance of open public spaces. Respondents demanded local government intervention, adding more benches, installing dustbins for better garbage management and taking care of plants during dry seasons.

The menace of stray dogs and cattle also posed a threat to visitors. A few people also expressed that timings should be extended and lakes should be maintained as a natural habitation.

Pachhapur added, "Even though there is no official ban on photography, security personnel don't allow taking of photographs, which should not happen because these pictures get circulated on groups and help create more awareness about biodiversity. Photography should be encouraged."

Children burst firecrackers to celebrate Deepavali on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EYE INJURY CASES DUE TO FIRECRACKERS CROSS 40

Bengaluru: The total eye injuries due to bursting of firecrackers during Deepawali celebration crossed 40 on Monday. Four new eye injuries were reported at the government-run Minto Eye Hospital on Monday. Of the four, three of the injured were bystanders. While three were simple eye injuries, a 22-year-old sustained grievous injuries and needed operation, revealed a report from the hospital. As many as 26 firecracker injury patients were also seen at Narayana Nethralaya from November 12 till Monday of which 13 were children. "All of the patients needed management in the form of topical and oral medications. None of the patients seen till now needed any surgical intervention. Five of them had grievous injuries. Twelve patients of these were bystanders. Most of the patients were residents of Bengaluru, while one patient is from Bihar," according to the hospital. **ENS**

80 RWAs come together to make roads safe

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

MORE than 80 resident welfare associations have joined hands to to make the largely residential area in and around Kanakapura road safe for pedestrians and motorists.

They are installing 300 high resolution CCTV cameras at key locations in the area. The monitoring will be done on a video wall at the command centre to be set up at the Thallagattapura police station in Bengaluru South.

G Kiran Kumar, joint secretary of the Changemakers of Kanakapura Road Association, an umbrella organisation under which all the RWAs fall, told TNIE, "We began Garuda -- the CCTV project three months ago. At present, we

A high-resolution CCTV camera at Balaji Layout | EXPRESS

have already installed over 100 CCTV cameras at important junctions. These are high resolution five mega pixel cameras. At present, we have installed them at 100 ft Vajrahalli Road, between Anjanpura Road and Vajrahalli Metro station on Kanakapura Road, Narayananagar, Balaji Layout and near Thalaghattapura. We hope to complete 150 cameras before it is set for launch by the police commissioner within a month."

A total of 12 LED walls, with each screen running up to 49 inches, will be installed at the police station with space already earmarked for it, he said.

Srivatsa Vajpeyam, association secretary, said, "The project totally costs Rs 3 crore with much of the funds provided by the RWAs. A few schools, colleges and private firms too have made contributions."

Explaining how the project started, Kumar said, "Circle Inspector N Jagadish of Thalaghattapura police station proposed it. He was involved in similar initiatives at Ashok Nagar and Hebbagodi police stations, but they were on a small scale. We told him we could implement it at a much larger level and he asked us to go ahead."

Along with the CCTV cameras, public announcement systems are being installed at a few places too. The results have already started showing, Kumar said. "We used to have miscreants playing loud music, consuming drugs and alcohol in isolated spots near my apartment 'Shoba Forest View' here. Wheelies were often done in a narrow lane near Balaji Layout. With regular automated announcements coming from these systems, all the activities have completely stopped," he added.

When the project is completed, it will help in making live announcements.

EXPRESS READ

Isro competition on space robotics

Bengaluru: To develop a scientific interest in space robotics, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will organise a robot building challenge for students. Billed 'ISRO Robotics Challenge-URSC 2024 (IRoC-U 2024), the challenge will consist of an engineering project where teams from any Indian institution can participate and design a space robot encompassing hardware and software aspects. Submissions of the registration forms along with the proposal will be open between November 20 and December 15. The final onsite competition will be held at the U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru, in August 2024. Each institute can select a team of 10 students who are pursuing graduation, post-graduation and research. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

14th November: Mercury teams up with Pluto today in one of those alignments that favours engineers, mathematicians and everyone who likes detail, routine and daily order. These sensible planets advise all of us to take only those decisions that we know we can stick to, and only to make promises that are practical.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Partners are still labouring under powerful planetary influences and might therefore feel rather nervous about the future. They may also have subjected you to one or two unfair criticisms. You should be strong enough to brush these aside.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You are noted for your reliability and consistency, yet greater flexibility in your dealings with intimate partners will not come amiss. Your timing must be impeccable if you are to recognise the appropriate times to give way. As from tomorrow, your family affairs take a higher priority, so be prepared.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Social trends remain positive but you may now begin to feel that work and chores deserve to take more and more of your time. In other words, you will do well by retaining a thoroughly practical attitude. In fact, you'd better do so over the next four days.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Today's stars are excellent if you are planning any practical discussions and meetings, partly because you'll be ahead of the game. The Moon's position could hardly be more favourable for reaching solutions which are at once sensible and a welcome change from the past.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
According to the fast-moving lunar cycle, the best way to use your time today and tomorrow is to settle your accounts, dealing with all outstanding bills and debts. Otherwise you may miss an opportunity which will not come round again for another three or four weeks.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You may be feeling slightly wobbly, emotionally, over the next two to three days. I say this so that you may be aware of any sudden fluctuations in your mood and be in a position to mitigate any adverse effects on your personal relationships. You'll be in a strong position, by the way.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Secrecy is a necessity at those periods when other people are just not ready to listen to what you have to say. You may keep your feelings to yourself if that is what the current times demand. After all, in many respects this is a moment for action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is a great deal going on behind the scenes. Perhaps you feel that if you continue to implement your plans discreetly, you will avoid the opposition that might be aroused if other people knew what you were doing. Once you achieve a balance between your interests and other people's desires, you'll be much happier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You have worked so hard to build up a sense of trust that you don't want anyone to get the idea that you are about to betray their confidence. Therefore, please do be sure to keep everyone informed about plans in which they are involved. After all, if they don't know what you're up to they can't give you their support!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Communication and travel plans are now well to the fore, but a great deal depends on the results of recent initiatives. You must be decisive and see to it that all loose ends are tied up - for good. Otherwise you won't be ready to seize next month's offers and opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Please pay attention to your financial affairs and make extra efficiency your goal. It's not often realised that you can be surprisingly business like if only you would accept current realities. The end of the week brings your best chance to take long-term decisions - and make them stick.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You're in a mystical mood this year. Remember that this is a period when it is your noble aspirations and higher principles which must be your guiding light. A great deal of inspiration will also be derived from contacts with distant cultures and people from far away.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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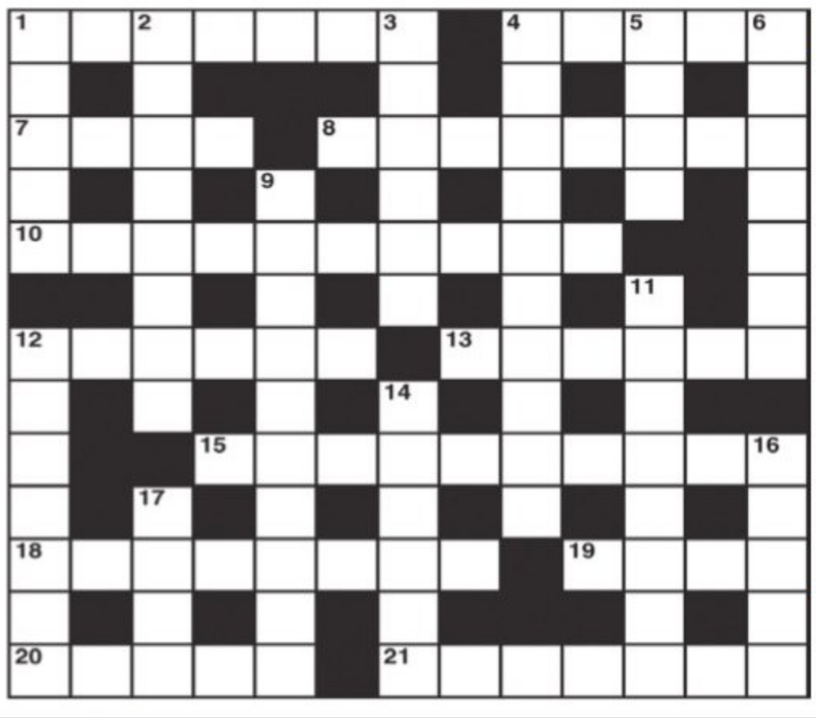
SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Hard worker succeeds on a barrier (7)
4 Novel house but starting to let rain in (5)
7 Current male desire (4)
8 Line brought into use when one rings (4,4)
10 Do they stop cars in record time? (4,6)
12 Develop part of a revolver (6)
13 Type of briefs used in the textile industry (6)
15 Final notices (10)
18 Be generous with some incriminating information? (4,4)
19 Enjoy the same sort of things (4)
20 Shoes repaired and disposed of we hear (5)
21 Mother takes a long time to get compensation (7)

DOWN
1 Part of a hospital grant (5)
2 So he and I form a strong attachment (8)
3 Parent gets cut up by surgeon's saw (6)
4 Perhaps all-in sabre dancing is their sphere (10)
5 His influence may make Rose change her name (4)
6 Magnetic holders? (7)
9 Too proud to take lodgers - honest (5,5)
11 I'd bring a form of decorative tape (8)
12 Binds books (7)
14 Bear right to enter the beach (6)
16 Good players who make bloomers? (5)
17 It's wrong to be stood on its head (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Residential, 9 Entreat, 10 Lie up, 11 Oval, 12 Reporter, 14 Deacon, 16 Debris, 18 Learning, 19 Oran, 22 Stiff, 23 Abridge, 24 Indoor games.

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JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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What are you talking about? He mixed it up, and no one reached first safely.
Good fielding is what I saw- not great pitching.
THE ANNOUNCERS' NEGATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE PITCHER'S PERFECT GAME WERE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUEST EXUDE ONLINE DIGEST
Answer: After getting into an argument, the terrestrial gastropod mollusks — SLUGGED IT OUT

The Crime Investigation Department (CID) which has been entrusted the task of investigation of the scam in the Entrance Examination of FDA Posts conducted by Karnataka Examination Authority in Kalaburagi and Yadgir has commenced the process of taking over the case files from the concerned police stations where the cases of malpractice have been registered

Teen stabbed to death after scrap over photoshoot

The killing was over transferring of photos

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AN 18-year-old youth was stabbed to death after an argument broke out over transferring Diwali photoshoot pictures. The incident happened in Doddaballapur when the deceased, Surya, went with his friends to a restaurant where they met Dileep and his friends, who asked Surya to do a photoshoot for him. Dileep asked Surya to transfer the pictures immediately but he said they needed to be downloaded from the camera. Following this, the argument escalated and Dileep stabbed Surya with a sharp-edged weapon.

Bengaluru Rural SP Mallikarjun Baladandi said Surya and his three friends went to Dark Night Restaurant for lunch. The restaurant had set up a photo booth where Surya and his friends did a photoshoot. Dileep, 23, who was with four other friends at the restaurant, asked Surya to do a photoshoot for them as they had a camera.

Surya refused, but later agreed to click pictures for Dileep and his friends. Dileep asked him to transfer the pictures immediately but Surya said the same could not be done as he needed to download the pictures from the camera into his phone.

Following the argument, Dileep stabbed Surya's chest with a sharp-edged object attached to his keychain. Surya was rushed to the hospital but succumbed to his injuries, the officer added.

Dileep and his friends fled from the restaurant on their bikes. The police identified two of five accused.

A case of murder was registered with Doddaballapura police station. Further investigation is on.

EXPRESS READ

Man, son run over by KSRTC bus in Channapatna, driver detained

BENGALURU: A 58-year-old man and his son died after a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus ran over them at Channapatna in Ramanagara district, on Monday morning. Twenty-seven-year-old Arun was riding the bike with his father, Siddaiah, 58, on pillion. The KSRTC bus rammed into the two-wheeler following which Arun died on the spot and Siddaiah succumbed to injuries on the way to the hospital. The police said that the incident happened between 7 am and 7:30 am when Arun, a private firm employee, was riding the scooter with his father, Siddaiah, a farmer. The KSRTC bus attached to the Channapatna depot was on its way to Kesthuru from Channapatna. The Channapatna traffic police have registered a case. The police have detained the bus driver. **ENS**

A blaze rips through Gangolli harbour in Udupi, destroying eight big and two small fishing boats on Monday

10 BOATS GUTTED IN UDUPI BLAZE, ₹9 CR LOSS ESTIMATED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

IN a fire incident that rocked the local fishing community in Gangolli, Udupi district on Monday, a massive fire broke out resulting in the destruction of eight big and two small fishing boats which were anchored there. Additionally, a dinghy boat, one bicycle, two motorbikes and two sets of fishing nets were also reportedly damaged in the fire.

The fishing boats that were consumed by the flames are Sri Guru, Mookambika, Priyadarshini, Yaksheshwari, Sri Manjunatha, Sea Queen, and Madhushree. Additionally, one vessel, Jalaraani, was partially gutted.

While the exact cause of the fire is yet to be known, preliminary reports suggested that the fire that started from one boat, soon spread to other boats which were anchored nearby. Police sources said there were about 40 fishing boats anchored in the area.

Locals have reportedly informed that the fire might have been a caused by firecrackers.

Minister of Fisheries, Ports and Inland Water Transport Mankal S Vaidya visited the spot. The losses are estimated to be around Rs 9 crore.

Major fire in four-storey building, no casualties

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A major fire broke out at a four-storey commercial building near Banaswadi in the early hours of Monday. The building, located in Vijaya Bank Colony near Banaswadi on Outer Ring Road, houses a furniture shop, a coaching centre and a software and design company. The building was completely gutted in the incident. No casualties were reported.

Four fire tenders — two from Banasawadi, and one each from Hebbal and High Grounds fire stations — were pressed into service. Two security guards, who were at the building, were rescued by the fire department. A short-circuit is suspected to have caused the fire. The damage is estimated to be over Rs 8 crore.

Alok Kumar, 25, one of the two security guards who was rescued, told *The New Indian Express*, "I was sleeping on the terrace of the building when the fire broke out around 2 am. In no time, the fire spread to the entire building. There was no way to escape and the fire personnel came immediately and rescued me."

Kumar from Odisha has been working as a security guard at the furniture shop on the ground and first floors for over five years.

"We did Diwali pooja at the shop and closed it by 8 pm. We generally park all the vehicles in the basement, but because of the festival only two bicycles belonging to me and the other security guard were parked. Both the bicycles were gutted in the fire" he added.

Deepa, an eyewitness, said, "I live close to the building. When I was on my terrace, I could smell smoke, and I initially thought it was because of firecrackers. But within a few minutes, I saw flames and called the fire department. Soon, the entire building was engulfed in flames and aluminum scraps and debris landed on my house terrace."

The Ramamurthy Nagar police said the incident could be due to a short-circuit.

Godrej files case over its material stolen inside airport premises

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

GODREJ and Boyce Manufacturing Company Limited has filed an FIR at the Airport police station in connection with theft of its material worth Rs 3.5 lakh from the premises of Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). The case has been filed under section 379 of IPC (Punishment for theft).

The FIR was registered by Kuldeepak Singh, Godrej Manager, on Saturday (November 11). The concern is contracted with buildng a Multi-Modal Transportation Hub connecting T1 and T2 of the airport.

The FIR states that 30 Rails Optimisers made of iron valued at Rs 3,50,000 which Godrej had kept inside the premises for construction work had gone missing. The FIR was filed the day the theft was committed.

"After carrying out some work at the airport since February 20, 2020, it had kept the remaining construction material inside the premises since December 2022. It was meant for other work. When workers of the firm went to take the material to carry out work, they realised it was missing," it said.

The security guard was asked about it too and he had no idea that it had gone missing, the FIR added.

CRIME PATROL

DEATH NOTE RECOVERED FROM STUDENT'S HOSTEL ROOM SAYS HE WAS UNDER STRESS

BENGALURU: A death note recovered from the hostel room of Ashwin, 21, a student of Azim Premji University, who committed suicide on Friday, stated that he was under academic pressure. The police told *TNIE* that in the death note, Ashwin stated that he could not live up to his parents' expectations to excel in studies. He was unable to cope with the academic pressure. Ashwin was not interested in pursuing a degree in science stream. He often used to mention that he was not interested in his course, Ashwin's friend told the police during investigation. Ashwin was found dead on Friday around 7.30 am on the campus after jumping off the 16th floor of the university building at Sarjapur. Ashwin hailed from Hyderabad. He was residing in the boys' hostel on the university campus. *(If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050 (available 24x7) or iCall, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8 am to 10 pm.)* **ENS**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR

O-1518 No.5827 /Date.10.11.2023

"e" Procurement Notice for Building Works

1.	Name of the Work	:	**Building Works**
2.	Total No. of works	:	01 No. of Building work for the year 2023-24
3.	Estimated Cost of the work	:	**Rs.282.00 lakhs**
4.	**Class of Contractor (a) Estimated cost** more than Rs. 20.00 lakhs up to Rs. 3.00 Crores.	:	**B Glass (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities**
	b) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore) up to Rs. 20.00 Crores.		**A Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevait class of other licensing authorities**
5.	Period of completion	:	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details	:	

Procurementl Officer	Bid identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender- On-line- C.C. 46 of 2023	15.11.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	29.11.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	30.11.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar

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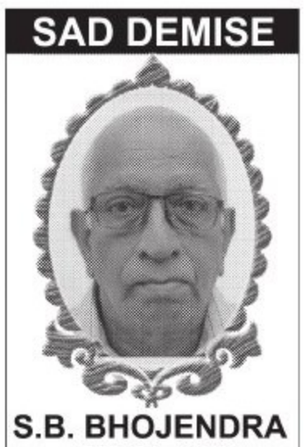

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DOB 13 April 1945
DOD 13 Nov. 2023
Retd. Joint Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Karnataka.
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Stage 2, Domlur
Bengaluru, 560071
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Wife, Son and Relatives
Mobile : 8073500057

BIRTHDAY REMEMBERENCE

GOPINATH ARASAPPA CHETTY
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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (For Immovable Property)
A/c No.HL 36377395185

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Internet (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 31.05.2023** U/s 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower/Mortgager/Guarantor **1.Mr. Pranav Nithyanand Shetty** S/o Mr. Nithyanand Vittal Shetty, **2. Mr. Nithyanand Vittal Shetty** S/o Mr. Vittal Shetty, **Both are residing at:**No. 5707, Vedavathy Block,Nandi Enclave, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar,Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085 **And also at:** Site No. 6, Khata No. 328/6,Old Sy. No. 8/4, New Sy. No. 39,Vaddarapalya Village,Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk 560061. **Mr. Nithyanand Vittal Shetty** S/o Mr. Vittal Shetty, No. 52/67, 1st Cross, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560085, **Office at:** Vikram Hospital, No. 71, Miller Road, Bangalore-560052 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.73,00,009/-** (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Nine only) as on 30.05.2023. You are also liable to pay future interest from **31.05.2023** with future interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/Mortgagers/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Mortgagers, as well as the Public in General that, the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **09-11-2023**.

The Borrower(s)/Mortgagers/Guarantors in particular, and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property(s), and any dealings with the property(s), will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore.** For an amount of **Rs 77,26,042/-** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Forty Two Only) as on 09.11.2023.You are also liable to pay future interest from **10.11.2023** and further interest and expenses thereon.

The Borrower/ Mortgagers/Guarantor's attention is invited to proviso of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Vacant Property bearing Site No. 6 (Six), Khata No. 328/6, formed out of Residentially Converted old Sy. No. 8/4, New Sy. No. 39 (vide Conversion Order bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR (S). 155/2003-04, dated 14.08.2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at **VADDARAPALYA VILLAGE,** UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, comes within the limits of Subramanyapura Village Panchayath, and the Property is measuring: East to West: on Northern side **57'-6.5"** Feet, on Southern side **57'-1.5"** Feet, North to South: on Eastern side **41'-10"** Feet, on Western side **40'-0"** Feet, and bounded as follows: East by: Private Property, West by: 30 Feet Road, North by: Site No. 7 South by: Site No. 5

Sale Deed Doc No. KEN-1-21665-2004-05, Dated:01.09.2004

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 09.11.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru

Can Fin Homes Ltd
No.03,1106/624/1, First Floor, Sadvi Complex
B M Road, Vivekananda Nagar, Ramanagaram - 562159.
Ph: 0820-27271211,7625079232
E-mail: ramanagaram@canfinhomes.com
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RAMANAGARAM BRANCH

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property) [Rule 8 (1)]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice on the below mentioned dates calling upon the following borrower(s)/co-borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest at contractual rates till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowershaving failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, against each borrower, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on dates mentioned hereinafter.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Out-standing Amount	Date of Possession
1	**Smt.Dundamma Siddaiah** W/o Siddaiah **and Shri. Jayathirtha S/o** Siddaiah **Guarantor** Shri.Sanjeeva Kumar R C	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearingKhaneshmari No.454/8, E khata No.152900102401000459 , Site No 8 situated at Rampura Village and Grama panchayath Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist.,EAST TO WEST-9.144 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH-12.192 MTR in all measuring 111.48 Sq Mtr or 1200Sq Ft and bounded on the: - East by: **Site No 9,** West by: **Site No 7,** North by: **Site No 5,** South by : **Road.**	01/09/2023	**Rs. 17,75,000/-**	10/11/2023
2	**Mrs. Chikkathayamma Doddegowda** w/o Late Doddegowda **Mr.Putte Gowda** S/O Late Doddegowda, **Guarantor: Mr.RAJU**.S/o Puttaswamy Gowda	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Khaneshumari No.323/323, ,E-Property No.152900100200300396 B V halli Village and Grama Panchayath Virupakshapura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagaram DistMeasuring East to West 10.668Mtr ; North to South 25.908Mtr in all measuring 276.40 Sq. Mtr (2974 Sq Feet) with residential building and bounded on the :-East by : **Property of Dhananjaya,** West by: **Property of Kantharaju,** North by: **Road,** South by:**Applicants Vacant Space**	01/09/2023	**Rs. 19,25,000/-**	10.11.2023

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for the amount mentioned against each property along with further interest thereon till the date of realisation.

Date : 13.11.2023
Place : Ramanagaram

Sd/- **Authorised Officer**
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

UCO BANK
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Bangalore City Branch (0024)
13/22, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009

PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (for immovable properties)
(In terms of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of property mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the property to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable property mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & " AS IS WHAT IS"** basis..

Name & Address of Borrower's	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for inspection of property b) bid submission last date c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
Mr. Rajendra Ramchand Punjabi & Mr. Sunil Raj Punjabi. Name & Address of Guarantor: Mrs. Sunitha Raj Punjabi W/o. Mr. Rajendra Ramchand Punjabi, Flat No.T-1, 3rd Floor, A Block, "EKTA Apartment" (KT-44), Property bearing no. 64/1A,Muncipal No. 1, 4th Cross, 1st Main, (old 8th Main), adjacent to LIC Colony, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560011.	a) **01/08/2017** b) **20-06-2023** c) **Rs. 28,55,619.42/-** plus interest and costs charges	a) **27-11-2023 Between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm** b) **29-11-2023 till 12.00 pm** c) **29-11-2023 between 01.00 pm to 05.00 pm**	a) **Rs. 64,00,000/-** b) **Rs. 6,40,000/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**

Description of the Immovable Property : Residential Flat No. T-1, 3RD Floor, A block, "EKTA APARTMENT" (KT-44), Property bearing no.64/1A, Muncipal No.1, 4th Cross, 1st Main, (Old 8th Main), adjacent to LIC Colony, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560011. **Boundaries of schedule of the property :** East: Open to Space, West: Corridor and Flat No.T-2, North: Flat No.T-3, South: Open to Space.

A/C No. 00240210001288, IFSC Code : UCBA0000024 Email: bangal@ucobank.co.in
UCO Bank, Bangalore City Branch, Contact: Mr.Upendra, (AGM) (080) 43472740/41/55

Details of known encumbrances: Not Known
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and Conditions of the sale is available/ Published inthe following websites/ Web Portal: i) **https://ibapi.in, ii) https://mstcecommerce.com/**
2) The Properties are being sold on **"As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" and" Whatever There is Basis"**
3) The Particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officers, but the Authorized Officer shall not beanswerable for any error, misstatement or Omission in this proclamation.
4) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website. **https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ ibapi/index.jsp on date 29-11-2023 between 1.00 pm to 5:00 pm.**
5) It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction.
6) The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Date: 13-11-2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, UCO Bank**

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The Criminal Investigation Department has filed a report before a city civil and sessions court stating that more than Rs 97 crore granted by the State Government under an employment scheme to the Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation has been misappropriated in the names of 500 beneficiaries

Karnataka is not 'Republic of DKS', says HDK

Kumaraswamy slams Congress' guarantees, demands white paper on their implementation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

STATE Janata Dal Secular president HD Kumaraswamy on Monday continued his tirade against Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar over the implementation of the guarantee schemes in Karnataka. Kumaraswamy also hit out at Shivakumar, saying that Karnataka is not his "republic".

Taking to social media, Kumaraswamy demanded a white paper on the guarantee schemes being implemented by the Congress government in the state. Kumaraswamy alleged that the guarantees — which propelled the Congress to power in Karnataka in this year's elections — failed to reach the beneficiaries. The former chief minister demanded that the State government release a white paper giving details on the implementation, number of beneficiaries and the financial implications to the state's exchequer due to the guarantees.

"Let DK Shivakumar issue a white paper and I am ready to discuss. I am also ready to discuss documents in the upcoming legislature session. I have details of the guarantee schemes implemented in Channapatna as well as other 223 Assembly constituencies. I have the details of how you have fooled the people," Kumaraswamy, the MLA for Channapatna, added.

The two leaders have been attacking each over the guarantees, especially in the aftermath of the Congress announcing similar schemes in election-bound Telangana.

Kumaraswamy had asked voters in election-bound states, especially Telangana, not to get misled by the promises made by the Congress. Shivakumar shot back saying Kumaraswamy should approach the voters of his constituency Channapatna to know the success of the schemes.

Kumaraswamy said the guarantee schemes will damage the financial status of the state permanently.

"Your government is going to give a begging bowl to the people. You are trying to get votes through this. We need to make people self-reliant and not make them beg. One of your colleagues said there is a need for such a guarantee gimmick to win polls," he slammed Shivakumar.

HDK ANGRY ON VOTERS AS THEY REJECTED JDS: CM

Hitting out at Kumaraswamy, CM Siddaramaiah questioned why he was angry on the poor and pro-poor schemes. The CM said Kumaraswamy was angry on people as they rejected his party in the Assembly polls. "People accepted our guarantee schemes and that is why they voted for Congress. When Congress announced guarantees schemes during polls, both BJP and JDS opposed it and that is why they lost the polls too. Now, if they continue to oppose this, both the parties are going to lose in Lok Sabha polls too," the CM said.

SHAKTI SCHEME

Women can produce ID proof on Digilocker for free bus ride

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

NOW, women passengers can travel in state government buses under the Shakti scheme by producing their local domicile proof on their phone using the Digilocker app. This does away with the earlier necessity of having to carry a hard copy of their IDs (original or photocopy).

Women passengers across Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) and North West Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) had repeatedly complained to the authorities that conductors were insisting on them buying tickets if they failed to carry original IDs or photocopies.

"Though there is a provision for women passengers to produce their IDs through the Digilocker app, many conductors were rejecting it and were insisting on hard copies. We had to keep the ID cards in the back case of our mobile phones as conductors would be in a hurry to verify the IDs and then issue zero tickets," said Dhana Lakshmi, a KSRTC passenger.

Referring to the KSRTC Chief Traffic Manager's letter dated November 3, KKRTC stated, "Despite the order that conductors can accept ID proofs either by hard copies (original or photocopy) and through Digilocker, we have been receiving complaints that some of the bus conductors are refusing to accept the proofs shown through Digilocker and are creating unwanted trouble to women passengers."

Conductors should accept ID proofs through the Digilocker and ensure the RTC doesn't get any complaints from women passengers, directions issued by KKRTC on November 11 read.

Caste balance: BJP could appoint backward class leader as oppn leader

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

THE BJP high command, having appointed former chief minister B S Yediyurappa's son B Y Vijayendra, a Veerashaiva Lingayat, as chief of the Karnataka party unit, is likely to choose a leader from either a backward class or Vokkaliga community as leader of the opposition (LoP) in the assembly. Other criteria are ideological commitment and an RSS background.

Central observers will be taking part in the BJP Legislature Party meeting, slated to be held on November 17, and a decision will be taken after collecting the opinions of all 66 MLAs.

Since the BJP has forged an alliance with the JDS, which is headed by Vokkaliga leader and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy, it is unlikely to select a leader from that community as opposition leader, a BJP source said.

However, former minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, who on Saturday claimed that he too was in the race for the LoP, like any MLA, paid Yediyurappa a courtesy call late evening. Senior leader R Ashoka's name has been doing the rounds, while Karkala MLA V Sunil Kumar (48), who hails from the backward Billava community, has emerged as a strong contender for the key post. He is a four-time MLA with a hat-trick win. The Billavas or Idigas are next only to Kurubas, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's community, in terms of political influence, especially in the coastal and Malnad regions.

Appointing Sunil Kumar as LoP could be the BJP's plan to win back the Billava vote bank, as a section of the community had backed the Congress in the May 10 assembly polls, according to political pundits. "The opposition leader is like a watchdog, and a deserving candidate should be given that post. I don't agree with appointing an opposition leader on the basis of caste as it could benefit only temporarily," remarked senior BJP leader C T Ravi.

But according to sources, the high command has even discussed the appointment of the LoP with B S Yediyurappa and is relying on his strategy.

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CT Ravi, BJP leader

BY Vijayendra greets former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday | EXPRESS

Newly appointed Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra calls on JDS supremo and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda at the latter's residence in Bengaluru on Monday. JDS leader Prajwal Revanna looks on | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

For blessings & guidance, Vijayendra calls on seniors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

NEWLY appointed Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra on Monday called on JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda and former CM Basavaraj Bommai as part of his courtesy meetings.

The 46-year-old BJP MLA from Shikaripura was appointed the state BJP president on November 10, and he will formally take over on november 15.

According to informed sources, Vijayendra and Gowda discussed the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections. BJP and JDS are in alliance to face the Lok Sabha polls.

"I am happy about meeting HD Deve Gowda as his insights on the country's politics are inspiring. He was proud of me that the BJP appointed me as state president at a very young age. When it comes to struggle in politics, the names of Gowda and BS Yediyurappa come to mind. He suggested that I follow in the footsteps of my father Yediyurappa and tour the state as the latter did extensively," Vijayendra told reporters after his 20-minute meeting with Gowda at his Padmanabhanagar residence.

Gowda's grandson Prajwal Revanna, who was also present, called the meeting a "fantastic" one and said the strategy to be followed by the JDS-BJP alliance to win 22-24 seats in Karnataka in the LS polls was discussed. "The issue of sorting out the differences, if any, in both the parties was also discussed," Prajwal added.

"Called on the pride of Karunadu, former prime minister HD Deve Gowda and sought his blessings. On this occasion, he honoured me with love and wished me well, which made it an unforgettable moment in my political life. His spirit of struggle - strength of self-restraint, which is still a source of inspiration, has always been a motivating force for people like me," Vijayendra posted on 'X' after meeting Gowda.

Vijayendra also met former chief minister SM Krishna. "Vijayendra has just become the state BJP president and I will meet him often from henceforth. Giving priority to youth is a generational change and it is the law of nature. The seniors reconcile with it as the new talent has to come out. They should work shoulder to shoulder with Vijayendra," Krishna suggested to senior BJP leaders who were reportedly sulking over Vijayendra's appointment.

Vijayendra also met former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai. "He (Bommai) told me that my appointment has been one of the best decisions of the party high command and it will strengthen the party," Vijayendra told reporters after meeting Bommai.

Meanwhile, Vijayendra also met former ministers R Ashoka, S Suresh Kumar and Govind Karjol.

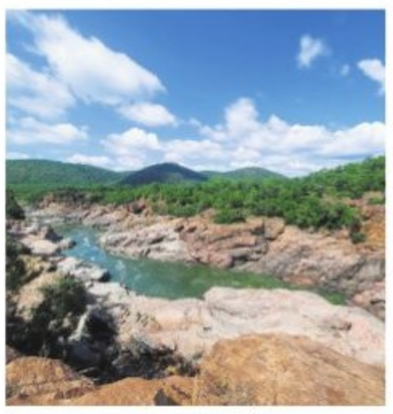
WATER PROJECTS

Jayachandra meets Jal Shakti secretary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S special representative in New Delhi TB Jayachandra on Monday met Secretary to the Ministry of Jal Shakti Debashree Mukherjee and made an appeal to take steps to ensure that the Union Government gives permission to Karnataka to construct the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project across the Cauvery river.

The project has been stalled for a long time owing to non-clearance from various Central authorities. "The implementation of the project will facilitate provision of drinking water to Bengaluru and surrounding districts besides helping the state to release water to Tamil Nadu even during drought," Jayachandra said.



On the Upper Bhadra Project, Jayachandra said Mukherjee assured him that she will present the case in the next Cabinet meeting as the project is with the Prime Minister's Office for approval as a national project.

"The work is in progress and land acquisition needs to be done in some parts," he informed the secretary and convinced her that if the Centre officially declares the project as a national project, it can be completed within the stipulated time.

Jayachandra had called on Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat during his last visit to New Delhi and discussed the projects concerning Karnataka.

₹5.52 CRORE COLLECTED IN 9 DAYS AT HASANAMBA TEMPLE

BR UDAYA KUMAR @ Hassan

IN the last nine days since the Hasanamba temple has been kept open, the temple administration has collected Rs 5.52 crore by selling special entry tickets of Rs 1,000 and Rs 400 value and also laddu prasada. The revenue is likely to cross Rs 6.50 crore as the temple will be open till Tuesday.

The famous temple is kept open for only a few days a year and attracts lakhs of devotees from across the state.

Assistant Commissioner and temple administrator Maruti Gowda told The New Indian Express that 28,052 people bought Rs 1,000 tickets, while 71,885 Rs 400 tickets. On Saturday, over 1.50 lakh devotees visited the temple, but the numbers dipped on Sunday. Tuesday is the last day that the temple will be kept open.

Priests will perform traditional rituals before closing the temple doors in the presence of the deputy commissioner, temple administrator and muzrai tahsildar.

On Friday, 17 devotees suffered an electric shock on the temple premises and sustained minor injuries. For the first time this year, the temple administration committee arranged breakfast, meals and dinner for officials posted at the temple.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, DCM DK Shivakumar, former CM HD Kumaraswamy, former DCM KS Eshwarappa, Ministers RB Thimmapur, K Venkatesh, BJP national general Secretary CT Ravi former minister Gopalaiah and spiritual leader Ravishankar guruji were among prominent personalities who visited the temple.

CRACKER OF A FEST

It was a different Deepavali cleaning at RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge's office. Taking to 'X' on Monday, he said, "I did some Deepavali cleaning in the office today." Hitting out at the previous BJP government in the state, the Chittapur MLA said, "Cleaned out over 300 files of corruption that were left pending in the previous govt. The previous BJP govt was called #40PercentSarkara for a very good reason." | EXPRESS

Flyers furious over diversion

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"The reason we have been given is that the flight could not land due to runway restriction at Goa airport," a member of the social media team of Vistara told *The New Indian Express*. An official post by Vistara stated the same.

The flyers took to social media and questioned why the flight was not diverted to Manohar International Airport at Mopa in Goa itself or even the airport at Mangaluru?

Anuj Mishra, a financial tech professional onboard, posted, "Why runway restrictions only for UK 881? Why was it not diverted to MOPA (GOX) airport. Total haywire decision to make passengers life hell. 6E 6345 Indigo from Ahmedabad landed at GOI. Looks like UK 881 was piloted by a third-class pilot."

Flyer Pratik Dutta posted, "What kind of absurd games are you playing! This is beyond frustrating!" "How much longer?This is utterly unacceptable - get some beer on this flight, please!" and "Are the captains even here, or are they on a chai break?," he posted. The flight was stuck for an hour in Bengaluru to refuel. "I have never experienced such a mess in my entire life. How much longer?," he posted.

Training programme at 8 centres on pilot basis

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SHE said on the first day of the training programme, the members will be taught how to overcome fear. They will be asked to speak openly and there will be activity-based events for them. On the second day, the focus will be on improving their communication skills. The members will be trained how to communicate effectively, give public speeches and conduct meetings. "We will also focus on women-centric laws," she added.

On the last day, the members will be trained in leadership traits. The programme will be held in clusters till February next. Interestingly, 15% of the 49,000 members have never gone to school. But they have leadership qualities. The programme is expected to hone their leadership skills, she said.

Deepa N, faculty-member, ANSSIRD, said a similar training programme had been held at eight centres on a pilot basis for women panchayat members. During the programme, the women members stated that they never got an opportunity to speak or make decisions independently. "We focus on personality development and team building. There will be lengthy lecture sessions and activity-based events," she added.

Deepa said during the training programme, the women members will be asked to write about the changes they would like to bring in their wards and where they would like to see themselves in the next six months. "This will also help them think broadly," she added.

EXPRESS READ

KSRTC bus topples after tyre burst, 6 injured

BENGALURU: A KSRTC bus heading towards Bengaluru from Magadi toppled, leaving six people with injuries and bone fractures, while the remaining passengers escaped with minor injuries. "The accident took place around 8pm Sunday, when the bus was crossing Chikkathorepalya bridge in Magadi taluk in Ramanagara district. The driver lost control after the right front tyre burst. As the vehicle was moving at a good speed, the driver couldn't bring the bus under control, and it toppled from a height of over 20ft and rolled into farmland next to the road," police said. Police said more serious damage was averted as the bus stopped rolling after it was stopped by a coconut tree on the farmland. With the help of a ladder, the villagers brought out the 20 passengers stuck inside the bus and sent them to Magadi Government Hospital for treatment, the police said. Six people, who suffered injuries and fractures, were treated and discharged.

As many as 600 sanitation workers clear the Deepavali garbage, in Thanjavur. 120 tonnes of garbage was collected and transported in 48 light vehicles, 47 battery operated vehicles, three trucks and three compactors.

Hyd apartment blaze leaves 9 dead

Chemical drums and other flammable materials stored illegally catch fire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

A fire that ravaged the ground floor of a five-story residential building at Bazarghat in Nampally left nine people, including four women and a child, dead on Monday morning.

The victims, all members of the same family, succumbed to asphyxiation caused by toxic smoke, as the flames were contained to the ground floor but the smoke enveloped the entire building, trapping them inside.

The victims were identified as Md. Azam (58), Rehana Sultana (50), Tahoora Farheen (35), Faiza Sameen (26), Tarooba (13), Tooba (5), Md Zakeer Hussain (66), Nikath Sultana (55) and Haseeb-ur-Rahman (32). The ground floor, reportedly used for storing chemicals, including oil used in the production of cooling systems, became a tinderbox, leading to the rapid spread of the fire.

DCP (Central Zone) M Venkateshwarlu said the fire spread rapidly and thick smoke also spread over the building even as police and fire personnel evacuated the families from the building. One car and some two-wheelers were also burnt in the incident. Chemical tins and drums, raw materials, polyester resin etc were stored on the ground floor though it was meant for parking, an official said.

Additional DCP Vikram Singh Mann explained, "Nine people succumbed in this tragic incident, and they all belong to the same family. They died of asphyxiation and were not charred to death."

Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services department, in a release, said the fire initially ignited at the stilt floor of the building where chemicals in plastic drums and other flammable materials were stored illegally and the smoke spread to the upper floors.

According to fire department officials, 10 people were found unconscious on different floors of the building. They said that those trapped on the upper floors were not able to come down and inhaled smoke which caused deaths, they said. Initial reports said that a total of 21 people were trapped on different floors of the building.

Based on the preliminary investigation, a senior police official, citing eyewitnesses, said sparks from firecrackers burst by some children in the area fell on the drums, triggering the fire. However, the exact cause would be known after investigation, he said.

A call was received at the fire control room at 9.34 am informing them that sparks were coming from the stilt floor of the building, fire department officials said.

Fire tenders were rushed to the area and fire personnel took up the rescue efforts and extinguished the blaze. However, The cause of the fire is under investigation, it said.

The bodies have been shifted to Osmania General Hospital for postmortem examination.

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao expressed shock at the tragedy, with the chief minister announcing an ex-gratia of ₹5 lakh to the kin of each deceased. Union Minister G Kishan Reddy and IT Minister KT Rama Rao also visited the site.

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi tweeted: "My heart goes out to the victims of the fire accident. I pray for the swift and full recovery of the injured, and for strength to the loved ones of those who passed away." He also requested the chief secretary to immediately give an ex-gratia of at least ₹10 lakh.

Firefighters and police personnel at a multi-storey apartment complex, where a fire broke out, in Nampally, Hyderabad on Monday.| PTI

Fire started at stilt floor

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ON TWO HOOVES

A Yadav community member encourages a bull to rear up on its hind legs ahead of the upcoming 'Sadar Utsav', a festival of bulls, in Hyderabad, on Monday.

Lokayukta gives clean chit to Pinarayi, 18 ex-ministers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram

IN a major boost to the Left front ahead of the polls, the Lokayukta on Monday gave a clean chit to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and 18 of his former cabinet colleagues in a case related to alleged misuse of Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund (CMDRF) during the previous Pinarayi government's tenure. Responding to the verdict, petitioner RS Sasikumar said he would file an appeal before the High Court. The UDF leadership too came out against the verdict.

Upholding the decisions taken by the previous government to sanction CMDRF fund, a three-member full bench comprising Lokayukta Justice Cyriac Joseph and Up Lokayuktas, Justice Haroon Al Rashid and Justice Babu Mathew P Joseph said there's no evidence to prove either nepotism or corruption. There's no substantial ground to state that the decisions were taken due to political considerations. Issuing the verdict, Justice Cyriac Joseph however pointed out that the decision-making process was defective.

In his verdict, Justice Cyriac Joseph said there's substance in the allegation that the decisions were taken in deviation of extant rules and norms. It however added that in all three cases, the decision to sanction the amount was taken by the cabinet. Since the decisions were taken by the cabinet, no violation per se of CMDRF guidelines can be pointed out.

Noticeably, Justice Cyriac Joseph said though the cabinet was competent to take the decisions, the decision-making process was defective. "There were no applications received from any of the beneficiaries of these decisions. The subject was not included in the agenda for cabinet meeting. There was no cabinet note for the consideration of the members of the Cabinet. There was no such urgency that could have prevented the beneficiaries from making an application. There was no justification for denying the authorities an opportunity to process applications, in accordance with the rules and to place the matter before the cabinet with an agenda note to enable the members of the cabinet to take a fair, proper and informed decision," it said.

People burst crackers and celebrate Diwali in Bhubaneswar on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Apex court order ignored, Chennai air quality 'poor'

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THE Supreme Court's direction to limit bursting of firecrackers to one hour each in the morning and evening, and awareness campaigns on pollution run by the state seem to have had little effect on Deepavali revelers as Chennai's air quality plummeted to 'poor' levels on Sunday.

The aftereffects continued and the city's air quality index (AQI) on Monday morning was as bad as Delhi. At 8 am Monday, the AQI was 256 in Chennai and 282 in Delhi. M Jayanthi, chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), however, said, "Overall, the city's pollution levels have come down by 40 percent compared to last year. Manual monitoring was conducted in seven different locations in the city to monitor the impact of bursting crackers during Deepavali. The AQI, observed from 6am Sunday to 6am Monday, ranged between 207 and 365. The lowest was in Besant Nagar and the highest was in Valasaravakkam. The AQI last year was between 345 and 786."

Velachery, a residential area that has good green cover with Guindy National Park and IIT-Madras dominating its landscape, was one of the worst hit with AQI of 320 --- hazardous level that falls under 'very poor' category. Sources said firecracker bursting inside IIT-Madras was unusually high this year, leading to a spike in pollution levels. Forest officials at the Guindy National Park (GNP) located near the institution said a black buck, a scheduled 1 animal, and a spotted deer had even allegedly sustained injuries due to panic running. The two animals are being treated at a private clinic. The black buck is said to have suffered a spine injury and its hind legs got paralysed. The forest authorities said they might consider declaring IIT-Madras and few other institutions, where there is significant wildlife presence, as no-firecracker zones to avoid such incidents.

Odisha pollution level deteriorates to 'very poor'

Bhubaneswar: Amid deteriorating pollution level, bursting of crackers on Diwali night on Sunday has reportedly worsened the air quality of major urban areas of the City further, revealed the Air Quality Index (AQI) report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on Monday. As per the AQI report, the air pollution level of at least five cities and towns - Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Balasore, Keonjhar and Byasanagar - that stood at 'poor' level till Diwali afternoon, has now slipped to 'very poor' level. The report revealed that the AQI level of the State Capital which stood in the 'poor' category till 4pm on Sunday suddenly plunged to 'very poor' category as the index value of particulate matter 2.5, a major pollutant emitted from smoke, jumped from 260 milligram per cubic metre (mg/m3) to around 380 mg/m3 in the next 24 hours.

No breakthrough in quadruple murders, all victims laid to rest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

A day after the quadruple murder in Udupi, police are still groping in the dark. There is no breakthrough as the police are still clueless about the assailant. The motive behind the murder is also not clear, though the police have been investigating the case from various angles.

A woman and her three children were found murdered at her residence in Tripthi Nagara near Nejar on Sunday morning which sent shockwaves across the state for the sheer inhuman act of the unidentified assailant.

Udupi SP Dr Arun K said on Monday that five teams are still probing the case from all angles. "Teams are grilling relatives, friends and acquaintances of the family. Technical teams are verifying CCTV footage. Call Dialing Record (CDR) is also being verified," the SP added.

The family photo of Haseena along with her husband and children

Police sources told *TNIE* that they are suspecting that a person known to the family might be the assailant.

"Investigating teams are also verifying the CCTV footage of different locations," sources added.

Meanwhile, the final rites of the victims were conducted on Monday as husband Mohammed Noor and other son of deceased Haseena Asad arrived in Udupi.

The bodies of Haseena (47), her children Afnan (23), Aynaz (21) and Aseem (14) were handed over to the family after the postmortem in Manipal around 2.30 am. Haseena's other son Asad, who was in Bengaluru, arrived at the mortuary to receive the bodies.

On Monday, the bodies were brought to the Jamia Masjid in Udupi for the rituals.

Former urban development minister Vinay Kumar Sorake, MLC Farooq, and others participated. More than 1,200 people gathered during the last rites of the deceased.

I-T raids at pharma firm honchos, realtor

Express News Service@Hyderabad: Income Tax officials carried out searches at the residences of a pharma company director, a marketing CEO and offices at Gachibouli, Nagulapally in RC Puram, Patleguda at Ameenpur on Monday. The I-T sleuths conducted search operations on a tip-off that the director and the CEO who are very close to a former MP were supplying huge amounts of cash for use in the elections. Officials verified the recent transactions made by the pharma company marketing CEO.

The agency examined his bank account statements and those of the office and marketing department. They also went through I-T returns for the last two years. The I-T officials are understood to have found evidence of tax evasion and irregularities in the maintenance of account books. While this is so, another team of the I-T sleuths carried out raids at a realtor's residence and his farmhouse located in Gachibowli and Shamshabad for tax evasion in the real estate business a few days back. The officials suspect the realtor who is close to the son of a Telangana minister was ploughing money into elections. In the ongoing searches, the officials found documents that are related to the real estate business in Chevella, Maheswaram, and Rajendernagar. The officials continued their operations till late into the night.

Karnataka HC raps KMF for rejecting candidate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru:

THE action of the Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers Federation (KMF) in shunting a candidate who applied for a job to the General Category, merely because the caste certificate he had uploaded online was illegible, is unfair to say the least, the Karnataka High Court said.

A division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Krishna S Dixit passed the order while directing KMF to accept the original caste certificate and consider the appellant's candidature for selection and appointment to the post of Account Assistant-Grade I by creating a supernumerary post.

Allowing the appeal filed by Devaraj P R, a resident of Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru, the division bench said: "Turning away a deserving job aspirant is not a happy thing to happen in a welfare state. Courts, in general, and writ courts, in particular, cannot deny justice to a citizen who has brought a worthy cause to their portal, quoting some jurisprudential theories."

Devaraj filed the appeal questioning the order passed by the single judge, rejecting his petition against not considering his candidature under the reserved category by the KMF for the post of 'Account Assistant-Grade I' notified in October 2022, as his caste certificate uploaded online was not legible.

The division bench observed that a simple intimation to the candidate of the so-called defect would have made the impugned action compliant with the principles of natural justice. What heavens would have fallen had the KMF asked the appellant to web-host a legible certificate? No explanation is offered for not undertaking such an innocuous exercise. This falls short of fairness standards, the bench said.

CID: Ex-MD, staffers of Bhovi Corporation misused Rs 97 crore

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has filed a report before a city civil and sessions court stating that more than Rs 97 crore granted by the state government under an employment scheme to the Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation (KBDC) has been misappropriated in the names of 500 beneficiaries.

The CID stated that the accused R Leelavathi, former managing director, Dr BK Nanjappa, general manager, PD Subbappa, office superintendent, and other staff members of Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation, Bengaluru, misappropriated the money.

The accused took signatures of the beneficiaries of the employment scheme on RTGS forms and transferred Rs 5 lakh/Rs10 lakh each to their bank accounts.

They also transferred huge amounts of cash to companies such as Somanatheshwara Enterprises, Harinitha Enterprises, Anshika Enterprises and New Dreams Enterprises owned by them.

The report was filed before Judge Yashawanth Kumar, 51st Additional City Civil and Sessions Court, in response to the anticipatory bail petition filed by R Mangala, working at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. She is the sister of Leelavathi, the main accused in the case.

A sum of Rs 91 lakh has been transferred to Mangala's account in Canara Bank's branch at IISc, Bengaluru, from Ansika Enterprises, Harnita Creations, New Dreams Enterprises and Somanatheshwara Enterprises.

Mangala, however, contended that she is in no way associated with the KBDC and not involved in the alleged transactions. Considering the report filed by the CID, the court rejected Mangala's anticipatory bail petition.

Corona loan

Kalagi police in Kalaburagi district registered a case in 2022 based on a complaint filed by one Thippannna against Thimmaiah and Shashank. In February 2022, Thimmaiah met the complainant and 19 others and assured them that he would help each of them get a "corona" loan of Rs 30,000 from Yes Bank's branch at Yadgir and took their aadhaar cards, election IDs, pan cards and photographs.

Thimmaiah obtained their signatures and thumb impressions on loan papers and blank papers.

He informed them that they should purchase new SIM cards to get the loan amount. They purchased SIM cards and gave them to him. Later, they were informed by a community leader that a loan of Rs 10 lakh each has been sanctioned to them from Yes Bank.

When they approached the KBDC office in Bengaluru, it was found that the money had been deposited to their bank accounts and later transferred to the account of Somanatheshwara Enterprises.

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No: KTPO/E-Tender/Outsource Staff/2023-24/268 Date: 13.11.2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal for **Supply of Maintenance and Administrative Staff to KTPO on outsource Basis on 13.11.2023 under two cover system.** as per KTPP Act, 1999. The Tender need to be submitted through e-procurement only Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
(a) Last date & time for submission of tender: **28.11.2023 at 16:00 Hrs (b)** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **17.11.2023 at 11.00 Hrs. (c)** Date & time for opening the Tender: **29.11.2023 at 16.30 Hrs. (d)** Place of opening of tender: **Office of the Managing Director, Karnataka Trade Promotion Organisation, Plot no 121, Road no 5, EPIP 2nd Phase, Whitefield Industrial Area Whitefield, Bengaluru-560 066.**
Sd/- Managing Director

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BELLARY

Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary,
No. EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/Diff Heads/TDR/2023-24/ Dt. 08-11-2022.

Short TermTender Notification (Through E-portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 09 works comprising of approved building and Repair works under **vivekha, Ayush dep., Health and Family welfare Dep. Backward class welfare Dept.,D.M.F 2515-00-101-0-31 Zilla Panchayat Untide** through KPPP portal, Contractors are required to submit the tender before 16-11-2023 at 4.30 PM by uploading the relevant documents through KPPP portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from 9-11-2023 to 16-11-2023 at 4.30 PM. Tenders will be opened through KPPP portal on 17-11-2023 at 5.00 PM. Any changes in the notification will be published in e-procurement website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/420/KSMCA/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AEE-2/23-24/3805-06 Date:13.11.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bids vide the below mentioned bid enquiry no.
1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/T(W&M)/Mys/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-2/629 for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of Copper Control cable of the sizes 4C X 2.5Sq.mm, 4C X 6Sq.mm & 19C X 2.5 Sq.mm required at Hebbani TL&SS Division coming under Transmission(Works & Maintenance) circle, Mysuru conforming to Technical Specifications. F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance, transportation and unloading.
The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 17.11.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/-Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Prasarana Bhavan, N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru-570007

Department of Co-operation, Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies

No. 1, Ali Askar Road, Bengaluru - 560 052.
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No: doc/2023-24/IND0011 Dated: 10/11/2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders for Printing of ID Cards to enrolled Members of Yeshasvini Co-operative Members Health Care Scheme in Karnataka State (Through e-procurement only)
(1) Publication of Tender document through E-procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka: 10.11.2023 Published. **(2)** Date from which the tender document can be downloaded: **10.11.2023,6.00 p.m. (3)** Date of Pre bid meeting: **16.11.2023 11.00 a.m. (4)** Last date and time for submission of tenders: **27.11.2023,12.00 p.m.** (5) Opening of Technical tender bids: **28.11.2023, 2.00 p.m.**
The detailed bid document is available in the KPPP e-procurement portal. Interested bidders can download and participate in the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home.** Further, details can be obtained from the office of the Additional Registrar of Co-operative Societies, (Industry and dairy), during the office hours **from 10:00 A.M. to 17:30 P.M.**
Sd/-Additional Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Industry and dairy)

UNION BANK OF INDIA
DODDABALLAPURA BRANCH
No. 2349, Lions Bhavan Road, Shenigarpete, Doddaballapur-561203. Phone No. 080-27622045/27627186,
E-mail : ubin0900508@unionbankofindia.bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction 15 days Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured creditor), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s)& Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor : (1) Mr. Srinivasa S/o Late Narayanappa R/o Cheelenahalli Village, Tippur Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, **Guarantor : (1) Mr. Girish C S** S/o Srinivasa **(2) Mr. Govindaraju.N.** S/o Narayanppa **(3) Mr. Vijayamma** W/o Srinivasa All are residing at Cheelenalli Village, Tippur Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk.

Outstanding Amount : Rs.30,02,710/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten Only) as on 03.08. 2023 and interest/ cost/ expenses thereon.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that piece and parcel of House and site Property bearing Old Khatha No. 73, gramathana Khaneshumari Khatha No. 29, Property No. 105, measuring 46+44x104+84/2 feet situated at Cheelenahalli, Thippur Grama Panchayath, Tubugere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bounded on East by : Govt. Road, West by : Vacant Site of Chanegowda, North : Vacant Site of Narasegowda, South : 9 feet path.
Demand Notice Date: 07.07.2022 Possession Notice Date: 17.09.2022
Reserve Price : Rs.28,29,000/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.2,82,900/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only)

Date & Time of auction : 29.11.2023 from 11 AM to 2 P.M.(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website- www.mstcecommerce.com, EMD Submission: On or before 28.11.2023
Increment Bid Amount : Rs.30,000/
For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in
(1) https://www.ibapi.in, and www.unionbankofindia.co.in
For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit :
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
For E-Auction Related queries Please contact : 7209565054

Date : 13.11.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Doddaballapura Union Bank of India.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. SMALL CAUSES JUDGE AND ACMM AT BENGALURU

(SCCH - 13)
S.C.NO. 1125/2022

BETWEEN
THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED,
a Banking Company
Established under the J&K Companies Act, 1977(samval),
Having its registered office at: Moulana Azad Road, Srinagar, J&K
And **Branch Office** at No.F6 & F7, 1st Floor, Gem Plaza Infantry Road, Bangalore Rep. by its Bank Manager,
MR. SANJEEV AGARWAL ......PLAINTIFF
AND
MR. BASHIR AHMAD SHORA AND OTHER .....DEFENDANTS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO.1
(1) **Mr. Bashir Ahmad Shora,**
S/o. Mr. Abdul Rahman Shora, Aged Major,
R/o. Stephen's Road Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560001.

Whereas, the Plaintiff Bank has filed the above money recovery suit against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 1,42,340/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Only)** along with Future interest at **16.50%** per annum with monthly rests from the date of the suit till the date of realization along with cost of the suit.

Hence, you are hereby requested to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you in this suit on **21/12/23 at 11.00 A.M.**

If you fail to appear on the fixed date the suit will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court this 9th day of Nov 2023.
By Ordered of the Court
Assistant Registrar
Court of the small Cause judge, Bangalore

Address of the Advocate
R.SHAILESH KUMAR,
M/s. Susheel Associates,
Law Firm, F-1 First Floor, Harshita Arcade, No. 138, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore, Bangalore-560 020. Cell No. 9845009771.

UNION BANK OF INDIA
MELEKOTE BRANCH
Melekote Village, Doddaballapur Taluk-561205.
E-mail : ubin0904082@unionbankofindia.bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction 15 days Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured creditor), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s)& Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor : 1 (a) Ravi Kumar.D (Borrower) S/o Dibbanna Chari, Beedikere Village, Gantiganihalli Post, Tubugere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk-561205. **(b) Saraswathamma C. (Co-Appicant)** W/o Ravikumar.D. Beedikere Village, Gantiganihalli Post, Tubugere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk-561205, **2 (a) Channa Veera Chari (Guarantor)** S/o Late Munishamachar, Beedikere Village, Gantiganihalli Post, Tubugere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk-561205.

Outstanding Amount : Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Only) Plus interest/ cost/ expenses thereon.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing K No. 80/1, 80, Sy.No. 1/10, measuring 96*40 feet, Situated at Beedikere Village, Gantiganihalli Post, Tubugere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk-561205, On the North : Property of Anjinappa, On the South : Property of Sannabyre Gowda, On the East : Property of Subbanan, On the West : Govt. School
Demand Notice Date: 26.10.2018 Possession Notice Date: 19.02.2019
Reserve Price : Rs.10,17,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.1,01,700/- (Rupees One Lakhs One Thousand Seven Hundred Only)

Date & Time of auction : 29.11.2023 from 11 AM to 5 P.M.(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website- www.mstcecommerce.com, EMD Submission: On or before 28.11.2023
Increment Bid Amount : Rs.10,000/
For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in
(1) https://www.ibapi.in, and www.unionbankofindia.co.in
For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit :
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
For E-Auction Related queries Please contact : 9985321267

Date : 13.11.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Melekote Union Bank of India.

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL, BHEL)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582
NO: KPCL/2023-24/PS/WORK_INDENT814/CALL-2 DATE: 18.10.2023

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited under "SERVICES/WORKS" category as per YTPS requirements in GoK e-procurement website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **Supply & Installation of road safety and site safety display boards at various locations inside YTPS.** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **15.11.2023, 14.00 Hrs.** EMD: **Rs. 37,000/-.** Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer(M)-4, YTPS, RPCL, Yeramarus-584 134, Dist. Raichur, Tele/Fas: 08532-286003, Cell: +919480682552, **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in**

UNION BANK OF INDIA
ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, BENGALURU NORTH
 # 1/1, First Floor, "Jeevan Sampige ", 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003, E –mail: arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

1. Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers: 1(A) M/s A V Infostructure, Prop. Mr Vijay Kumar R, No:192 ,12th Block, 1st Main, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore 560072. **1(B) Mr Vijay Kumar R,** S/o S Y Ramesh , No.5/34 Byatarayanapura, Near Traffic Police Station, 5th Cross, Bangalore 560026. **(2) Guarantor : Mrs Tejashwini K,** No.5/34 Byatarayanapura, Near Traffic Police Station, 5th Cross, Bangalore 560026.
Demand notice dated : 29.08.2023 Possession Notice Date : 10.11.2023
Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.3,38,48,427/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty seven Only) and interest thereon.
Description of the secured assets: Property Description : Schedule "A" Property : All the below mentioned properties numbered 1 to 6 formed out of the land measuring 3 acres 20 guntas in Sy.No.30/1A1A3(Old Sy No.30/1A1A formerly 30/P5,being a portion of Survey No.30) situated at Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Distrct bounded on: East by : Property in Sy No. 29 and Panchayath Road, West by : Property in Sy No. 30/1A1A1, North by : Property in Sy No. 29, South by : Property in Sy No. 30/1A1A2 .
Schedule "B" Property : Property No.1 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1B08, in Block 'B', 1st Floor in apartment 'Shander Dwellington' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1B08 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the Schedule 'a' Property bounded by : East By :Open Space & Block C, West By :Passage & Flat 1B03, North By :Open To Sky & 1B07, South By :Open To sky & 1B09.
Property No.2 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1E07, in Block 'E', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1E07 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by: East By :Open Space & Block F, West By :Passage & 1E04, North By :Stair case, South By :Open To Sky & 1E08.
Property No.3 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1E08, in Block E', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1E08 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By :Open Space & Block F, West By :Passage & 1E03, North By :Open To Sky & 1E07, South By :Open To Sky & 1E09.
Property No.4 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1F04, in Block 'F',1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1F04 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property bounded by : East By : Passage & 1F07, West By :Open space & Block E, North By : Lift, South By : Open to Sky & 1F03.
Property No.5 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1F07, in Block.'F',.1st Floor in apartment.'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1F07 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By :Open space, West By :Passage & 1F04, North By :Staircase, South By :Open to Sky & 1F08.
Property No.6 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1F08, in Block 'F', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON', measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1F08 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by: East By : Open Space, West By :Passage & 1F03, North By :Open to Sky & 1F07, South By :Open to Sky & 1F09.
Property No.7 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing corporation no.5/34 (Old No.25/3,renumbered as 5/1,subsequently assigned No.5/A),5th Cross, Byatarayanapura, Gali Anjaneya Temple Road, Bangalore, within the Revenue Administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike together with the building thereon comprising of Ground, First and second Floor site measuring: East to West : 32 ft, North to South : (45+35)/2 ft, On the Eastern side : 45 ft, On the Western side : 35 ft, Total area :1280 square ft. And bounded as follows: East By : Private Property, West By : Private Property, North By : Private Property, South By : Road.

2. Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers: (1) Mr Kishor R, S/o Ramesh.Y., D. No. 9/1, 4th b Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, Tank Shore Road, BTM Layout, Bangalore- 560076. **(2) Guarantor : Mrs Nethravathi V,** No:9/1,4th B Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, Tank Shore Road, BTM Layout, Bangalore 560076.
Demand notice dated : 29.08.2023 Possession Notice Date : 10.11.2023
Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.72,14,733/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Three Only) and interest thereon.
Description Of The Secured Assets: Schedule "A" Property : All the below mentioned properties formed out of the land measuring 3 acres 20 guntas in Sy.No.30/1A1A3(Old Sy No.30/1A1A formerly 30/P5,being a portion of survey no.30) situated at Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Distrct bounded on : East by : Property in Sy No 29 and Panchayath Road, West by : Property in Sy No 30/1A1A1, North by : Property in Sy No 29, South by : Property in Sy No 30/1A1A2 .
Schedule "B" Property (Mortgaged Property) : Property No.1 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr Kishor R bearing no.3C04, in Block'C', 3rd Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 3C04 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By:Passage & Flat No 3C07, West By:Open to sky & Block B, North By: Lift & Flat, South By: Open Space & 3C03.
Property No.2 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr Kishor R bearing no.3C08, in Block'C',3rd Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 3C08 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By :Open to sky & Block E, West By: Passage & 3C03, North By: Open to space & 3C07, South By: Open Space & 3C09.
Property No.3 : In respect of residential flat owned by Mr Kishor R bearing no.3C09, in Block 'C', 3rd Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 3C09 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By :Open to sky & Block E, West By: Passage & 3C02, North By: Open space & 3C08, South By:Stair Case & 3C010.

The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 13.11.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Union Bank of India

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	U M Somashekar, U P Mallappa and U M Manjula - Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur, Hassan-573127 LAN : 073951000103	Item No : 1 Survey No 9 Measuring 2 Guntas, Situated at Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property is Situated With in The Limitation of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property is Having Following Boundaries:- East : Property of U.P Mallappa West : Property of U.P Devappa North : Property of U.P Devappa South : Property of U.P Mallappa Item No : 2 Survey No 405/2 Measuring 9 Acres 21 Guntas Out of Which 12 Guntas Kharab, Situated at Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property is Situated With in The Limitation of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property of Sarkari Kere West : Property of U.M Somashekhar North : Property of C Chandrahasa South : Property of U.M Somashekhar Item No : 3 Survey No. 413 Measuring 10 Guntas Situated at Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated With in The Limitation of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of Sarkari Kere West : House Property of S Basappa North : Property of U.N Gangappa South : Property of U.M Somashekhar Item No : 4 Survey No 118 Measuring 3 Acres Situated at Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated With In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of U.t Virupaksha West : House Property Of U.n Ningappa. North : Property Of U.d Manjegowdasouth : Property Of U.d Shivakumar Item No : 5 Survey No 126 Measuring 1 Acre 8 Guntas Situated At Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated With In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of U.p Mallappa West : House Property Of K R Mallappa North : Property Of U.d Ajjegowda South : Property Of U.m Palaksha Item No : 6 Survey No 127 Measuring 17 Guntas Situated At Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated With In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of U.d Ajjegowda West : House Property Of U R Gurapppa North : Property Of U.d Ajjegowda South : Property Of U.m Palaksha Item No : 7 Survey No 448 Measuring 34 Guntas Situated At Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated With In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of U R Gurapppa West : House Property Of U Dyavaiah North : Property Of U R Gurapppa South : Property Of U.n Chikkasomappa Item No : 8 Survey No 99 Measuring 2 Acres 3 Guntas Out Of Which 20 Guntas Kharab, Situated At Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated With In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of Halla West : Property Of U.p Devappa North : Property Of Halla South : Property Of U.p Devappa Item No : 9 Survey No 437 Measuring 5 Guntas Situated At Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated With In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of U P Vijayashankar West : Property Of U D Shivakumar North : Property Of U M Palaksha South : Property Of U.p Mallappa Tem No : 10 Survey No 435 Measuring 10 Guntas Situated At Udevara Village, Belagodu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan Dist, Karnataka. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated With In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur Taluk. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of U P Vijayashankar West : Property Of U D Mohan North : Property Of B R Puttaraju South : Property Of U P Vijayashankar - Date Of Symbolic Possession 08/11/2023	01/04/2023 Rs. 75,52,975/-	Hassan
2.	Supreeth J C and B P Sumithra- Jambaradi, Kyamanahalli post, Sakleshpur, Hassan-573134 LAN : 073951000055	As Described in The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Survey No 71/1 Measuring 15 Acres 25 Guntas Out Of Which 1 Acre 8 Guntas Kharab, Situated at Jamaradi Village, Hanubalu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated In The Limitation of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur. Bounded By : On The North By: Sy No 96 On The South By: Sy No 75 On The East By: Sy No 71/2 on The West By: Sy No. 70 Annexure "A" (Particulars Of Secured Property) Item No : 2 Survey No 71/2 Measuring 7 Acres 20 Guntas Situated at Jamaradi Village, Hanubalu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated In The Limitation of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Sy No 71/1 West : Sy No 72 North : Road South : Sy No 72 Item No : 3 Survey No 71/3 Measuring 2 Acres Situated At Jamaradi Village, Hanubalu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Sy No 71/1 West : Sy No 71/2 North : Sy No 71/1 South : Sy No 71/1 Item No : 4 Survey No 72 Measuring 7 Acres Out Of Which 15 Guntas Kharab. Situated At Jamaradi Village, Hanubalu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Sy No 71/2 West : Sy No 77 North : Sy No 72/2 South : Sy No 75 Item No : 5 Survey No 75 Measuring 8 Acres 8 Guntas Out Of Which 15 Guntas Kharab And Situated At Jamaradi Village, hanubaluHobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur.above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Sy No 73 West : Sy No 74/21 North : Sy No 71 South : Sy No 76 Item No : 6 Survey No 76 Measuring 7 Acres And 2 Guntas Out Of Which 15 Guntas Kharab, Situated At Jamaradi Village, Hanubalu Hobli, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan. The Above Mentioned Property Is Situated In The Limitation Of Sub Registrar Sakleshpur. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : J S Ravi West : Sy No 75 North : Sy No 74 South : J S Chandrashekar.date Of Symbolic Possession 08/11/2023	18/08/2023/ Rs. 1,40,67,483/-	Hassan
3.	Mallikarjun A N and Kavya Mallikarjun No 252, Basavanahalli Extension, Narasingha Rao Road, Chicamagalur-577101 LAN : 073951000135	Item No 1 :- Survey No 69, 64, 67, 68, 13, 63 And 65/1 Measuring 45 Acres And 2 Guntha Situated At Galipooje Village, Jagara Hobli, Chickamagalur, Karnataka. Property Situated With In The Limitation Of Chickamagalur Sub Registrar Office, Galipooje Village, Jagara Hobli, Chickamagalur Karnnataka A) Survey No 69, Measuring 14 Acres And 29 Guntha,B) Survey No 64 Measuring 4 Acres And 38 Guntha, C) Survey No 67 Measuring 6 Acres And 39 Guntha, D) Survey No 68 Measuring 2 Acres And 34 Guntha, E) Survey No 13 Measuring 4 Acres And 10 Guntha, F) Survey No 63 Measuring 4 Acres And 14 Guntha, G) Survey No 65/1 Measuring 7 Acres 4 Guntha Situated At Galipooje Village, Jagara Hobli, Chickamagalur Karnataka. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property Of Nanjundaswamy West : Property Of Gangadha North : Property Of Nanjundaswamy South : Halla Item No :- 2 Survey No 72 Measuring 11 Acres And 06 Guntha Situatebod In Muthinapura Village, Jagara Hobli, Chickamagalur, Karnataka Property Situated With In The Limitation Of Chickamagalur Sub Registrar Office, Muthinapura Village, Jagara Hobli, Survey No 72, Measuring 11 Acres And 06 Guntha Situated In Muthinapura Village, Jagara Hobli, Chickamagalur Karnataka. Above Mentioned Property Is Having Following Boundaries :- East : Property of A M Gangadhar. West : Nagenahalli Stream. North : Property Of Gajendra. South : Applicants Property. Date of Symbolic Possession 09/11/2023	03/08/2023/ Rs. 1,21,60,281/-	Chcka-magalur

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : November 14, 2023 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Hassan & Chickamagaluru **ICICI Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that MR. PRASHANTH P. AND MRS. R. INDULAKSHMI **("my clients"),** proposes to intimate the general public, that they are intending to purchase the below mentioned residential property from MR.S.V.CHANDRAKUMAR AND MRS.SHYALAJA N.KUMAR:
All that piece and parcel of the **Site No.9,** Converted in Sy.No.32/3 conversion order bearing No.BDS.ALN(SU)SR:8/2007-2008, dated 17/10/2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, Situated at Vasanthapura Village, Uttarahalli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP issued new katha No. 516/32/3/9 (Old No. 32/3/9, BBMP Ward No.197 as-is mentioned in Sale Deed dated 06/04/2018), located at 3rd Main Road, 8th Cross, V.V.Nagar [Vasantha Vallabha Nagar], Vasanthapura, Bangalore measuring East to West - 30 (thirty) feet and North to South - 40 (fourty) feet, admeasuring 1200 (thousand two hundred) square feet, and bounded on the: East by: Remaining Portion of Same Property; West by: Private Property; North by: Property No.32/3/10; and South by: Road.
It is further called upon from the general public that in the event, any Person/s, Minor Claims, Organisations, Financial Institutions, Co-Operative Societies, Banks have any sort of claim/interest/charge/lien, of whatsoever, over the above-mentioned property, shall approach my client within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this paper publication, along with necessary documents in support of their claims. It is further brought to the knowledge of the general public that my clients will proceed registration of the above-mentioned residential property in good faith deeming to be no claim/nil claim.
SRINIVASA S, Advocate
No.113-F, 4th Floor,
Central Chambers, 2nd Main,
Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560009.
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Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Deutsche Bank AG**, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **28th September 2021** calling upon the borrower **M/s. Callistus Offshore Services Private Limited, Mr. Shabeerahmed and Mr. Rithwik Gururaj ("Borrower")** to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,10,79,256.54 (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six and Fifty Four paisa only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this **10th day of November of the year 2023.**
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of **Rs.1,10,79,256.54 (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six and Fifty Four paisa only)** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property/ies
"SCHEDULE"

Item - I All the piece and parcel of of the WESTERN Portion of the residential property bearing Site # 51, House List No.542/51, V P Khatha No.586, BBMP Khatha No.298/50/542/1/50, situated at Nagawara village, Kasba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Limits, Ward No.24, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 20 feet and North to South : 36 feet, totally Measuring : 720 square feet along with 6 square RCC building, constructed with brick and cement, vitrified flooring, honne wood used for preparation of Doors and Windows with all basic amenities and **Bounded on : East by :** Remaining portion of Site No.51, **West by :** Private property bearing Site No. 3, **North by :** Private property, **South by :** Road.
Item - II All the piece and parcel of the EASTERN Portion of the residential property of Site # 51, and WESTERN Portion of Site no.50 House List No.542/51 and 542/50, V P Khatha No.580 and 586, BBMP Khatha No.297/51/542/51, situated at Nagawara village, Kasba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Limits, Ward No.24, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 20 feet and North to South : 36 feet, totally Measuring : 720 square feet along with 6 square RCC building, constructed with brick and cement, vitrified flooring, hone wood used for preparation of Doors and Windows with all basic amenities and **Bounded on: East by :** Remaining portion of Site No. 50, **West by :** Remaining portion of Site No. 51, **North by :** Private property, **South by :** Road.
Item No.1 and Item No.2 totally measuring 1440 Square feet, and along with 12 Square RCC building constructed with brick and cement, vitrified flooring, hone wood used for preparation of Doors and Windows with all basic amenities.

Date: 14.11.2023 Ajay Singh
Place: Bangalore Authorized Officer Deutsche Bank AG

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public, my Client **VIDYUT CHANDRAVADAN DESAI**, aged about 70 years, S/o Late Chandravadan Thakore Desai, residing at No. 37, Sheshadri Road, Kaveri Hotel, Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560009, Aadhaar No. 1167, is the owner of property bearing Site No. 52, F Block Khatha No. 257, measuring 50 X 80 feet, situated at Belagola, Srirangapatnam Taluk, Mandya District, bounded on : East by : Site No. 53, West by : Site No. 51, North by : Site No. 55 South by ; Road.

My client hereby declares that my client said property related Original Sale Deed dated 3-10-1997, registered as document No. 1070, Book-1, Volume No. 1818, pages 232-235, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Srirangapatnam, Mandya is misplaced / lost while taking Xerox copies within the limits of Jayanagr Police Station, Bangalore, even after thorough search I was not able to locate the same. In this behalf I have lodged online police complaint Vide Serial No. 799881/2023 Lost Report No. 0799881/2023 dated 08-11-2023 and as such through this Public Notice she has confirmed that the above said original document has been lost.

My client has lodged police complaint in this behalf and if anybody finds / traces the said original document, it is requested to contact and handover to the under signed immediately and the finder will be suitably rewarded.

Owner signature
VIDYUT CHANDRAVADAN DESAI
Mobile No.8356969082.
SHIVANNA, Advocate
No.28 12th Main Road, 4th Block East, Jayanagar, (Near Sub-Registrar Office), BANGALORE-560 011. **Ph: (M) 9901507257**
Bangalore, Date: 13-11-2023

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 28th ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE
P & SC No. 25077/2023 (CCH-29)

1. **Smt. B.A. Rajashree**, D/o. late M. Nagarathna, aged about 61 years, R/at No. 37, 8th Cross, Vasanathnagara Bengaluru North-560052. 2. **Smt. N. PARAVATHI**, W/o. B.M. Vishwanath, D/o. M. Lalitha @ Baby, aged about 48 years, R/at No. 14, 1st main, 1st A cross, Muneshwara Block, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru - 560 086. 3. **Smt. VEDAVATHI**, D/o. M. Lalitha @ Baby, aged about 47 years, R/at No. 24/49 5th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore South Bangalore-560 027. 4. **Sri N. SRIDHAR**, S/o. M. Lalitha @ Baby, aged about 44 years, R/at No. 24/49 5th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 027. 5. **NANDISHA**, S/o. M. Lalitha @ Baby, aged about 43 years, R/at No. 24/49 5th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore South Bangalore-560027. 6. **Smt. N. LAKSHMISHA**, S/o. M. Lalitha @ Baby, aged about 40 years, No. 24/49, 5th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 027. (All are residing at No. 24/49, 5th Cross, Wilson garden, Bangalore-560 027) ... **PETITIONERS**

-V/s-

NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners above named have filed the petition under section 372 of Indian succession Act seeking for the grant of succession certificate in respect of below mentioned schedule and no caveat has been initiated.

Any interested party/persons who have right, title and interest over the schedule, are hereby directed to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed on **12/12/2023** at **11:00 A.M** on the file of the Hon'ble 28th ADDL. City Civil and sessions judge (CCH-29) and to show cause the reasons/objections against the petitioners failing which the above case shall be heard and determined as ex-party.

SCHEDULE

1. FD account No. 121702751000480 AND 12170241100015 for a sum of Rs. 16,00,000/- (Rs. Sixteen lakhs only)
2. SB Account interest (A/C No. 121701010000229) for a sum of Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rs. Six lakhs only)
3. Savings Bank Account for a sum of Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rs. Six lakhs only) with accrued interest bearing Account No. 74030100000059, and old account No. 121701010000229 and in Total of Rs. 22,00,000/- (Rs Twenty two lakhs only) kept under Vijaya Bank merged with Bank of Baroda, Basavanagudi Branch, Bangalore-560 004. AND request not to open locker No. 253.

Totally Rs. 22,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty two lakhs only) which is kept in Vijaya Bank account Basavanagudi Branch, Bangalore - 560 004.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 10/11/2023

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner
C.O. CHIKKASWAMY
No.2, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Arekere Mico Layout, B.G. Road, Bangalore-560076.

RELIGARE FINVEST LTD

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BRANCH OFFICE: No.421/G,1st Floor, 1st Main Road,1st Stage, Indranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560038

APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6) & proviso to Rule 9(1)]

AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisos to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Religare Finvest Limited, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 20.12.2023** for recovery of dues along withup to date, interest, costs and charges due to the RFL from the below mentioned Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s).

S.No.1: Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s): **1.M/s.Nehru Smarakavidya Kendra(R), 2.Dmuniraju, 3.Mr.Muniraju Karthik and 4.C.Vijaya; Amount Outstanding: ₹ 1,30,42,112/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs Forty Two Thousand One Hundred and Twelve Only) **due as on 06.11.2023** along withup to date, interest, costs and charges thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the bearing Sy No.61 Measuring **2 Acres 39 Guntas,** Duty converted from Agricultural Land to Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose, by The Office of Special Deputy Commissionner, Bangalore District, vide conversion order bearing No.ALN.SR(K)151/2005-06, Dated 4.7.2009, situated at **Mylasandra Village, Kengeri, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** In this parcel D.Muniraju will be giving 30,000 Sq.ft, to Karthika In This 30,000 Sq.ft, Swimming Pool Guest and bounded on: East By : Road, West By: Remaing Portion of the same property bearing Sy.No.61, North By : Remaing Portion of the same property bearing Sy.No.61, South By : Remaing portion of the same property bearing Sy.No.61.

The Reserve Price will be Rs.12,98,36,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs.1,29,83,600/-

S.No.2: Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s): **1.Mr.Chowdappa Mahesh, 2.D.Muniraju, 3.Mrs.Rashmi M and 4.Mr.K.Nagaraj; Amount Outstanding: ₹ 17,88,608/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Only) **due as on 06.11.2023** along withup to date, interest, costs and charges thereon

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the bearing Khaneshmari No – 26;227 Situated At **Kariyapanahalli Grama, Bannerghatta Dhakle, Jigani Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District** and Bounded on: East By: Road, West By : Vacant Site No.23-36, North By : Property Belongs To KP Sithappa, South By : Property Bearing No.23/36. Measuring East to West 120 Ft and North to South 40 Ft.

The Reserve Price will be Rs.2,27,44,750/- and the Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs.22,74,475/-

S.No.3: Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s): **1.Sri Chowdappa Narendra Babu, 2.D.Muniraju and 3.Mrs.Asha N; Amount Outstanding: ₹ 52,49,834/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Four Only) **due as on 06.11.2023** along withup to date, interest, costs and charges thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the bearing Sy. No.117/5, Measuring **33 Gunteas Out Of 1 Acre 26 Guntas** situated at **Bannerghatte Grama Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore City** and Bounded on: East By : Road, West By: Same Portion of Schedule Property Sold to K Prakash, North By : Sy.No.119/6, South By : Sy.No.121/1.

The Reserve Price will be Rs.3,18,44,137/- and the Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs.31,84,414/-

Date of Auction: 20.12.2023 From S.No.1: 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., S.No.2: 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, S.No.3: 12.00 noon to 01.00 p.m. Religare Finvest Limited, No.421/G, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Krishna Temple Road, Opposite to SBI Branch, Bengaluru- 560038

Known Encumbrances

RFL is not aware of any encumbrances on the secured asset to be sold. Interested parties should make their own assessment of the secured asset to their satisfaction. Secured Creditor (RFL) does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid secured asset.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on Secured Creditor's website i.e., **www.religarefinvest.com**

For any other information, please contact Mr.S.Ansar on his Mobile No. 80734 05056 or contact him at his e-mail id: ansar.s@religare.com, and Mr.R.Sannakala, Mobile No. 95356 92006 or contact him at his e-mail id: sannakala.r@religare.com

Date : 10.11.2023 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Religare Finvest Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property more fully described below from its owners (1) Sri.Ranganath Bommanahilli Badrinath, @ Badarinath Bommanahalli, Son of Ranganath.R.B, Aadaar No.5279 4128 4671, (2) Smt.Kusuma Wife of Badrinath R. Bommanahalli Aadhaar No.7833 6030 7436 and (3) Sri.Suraj Ranganath Son of Badrinath Rangahath, All are residing at No.1, Surya, Church Road, Manipal Hospital Road Behind Manipal hospital Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore -560098.

Any person/s claiming any manner of right, title and interest over the schedule property are called upon to lodge such claim/s or objection/s with the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen)** days from the date of this publication. If no such objections or claims are received within the said period, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property and the claims received after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.303, VP Khatha No.428/303, Present BBMP Ward No.84, BBMP Khatha No.444/428/303, carved out of Sy. No.6,7,8 and 9, situated at Gandhipura village, Hagaduru post, K.R. Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1500 square feet and bounded on

East by : Road, West by : Property No.271, North by : Property No.304, South by : Property No.302

M. Ramu, Advocate
No.3, 1st Floor, Vinayaka Layout, Immadihalli Main Road, Whitefield, Bangalore
M : 97404 06899

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Abhay Kumar S/o Jayachand Ranka.M, R/at: 1, South Street, Y.G.Palyam, Bangalore North-560047, is intended to purchase the property morefully set out and described in the schedule hereunder from its owners Prabhu Deva.T.N S/o Late Narasimhamurthy @ Papanna, R/at: No.752, Fort Road, Doddaballapur town & Taluk, Bangalore rural Dist.

If any person has / have any manner of rights, interest, claim, charge or objection/s over the said property or regarding the intended sale transaction, he/she/they may lodge his/her/their objection/s claims/ protests along with relevant documents within 15 days from the date of this publication to my under mentioned office address. In the absence of any claims, within the stipulated period/time. It shall be deemed that there are no such claims or even if there any, the same shall be deemed to have been waived and my client shall be at liberty to legally enter into/ proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of the land property, bearing Sy.No.189/14. measuring one acres (01.00.00)acre, all properties situated at Rajaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur taluk, Bangalore rural Dist, bounded on:
East by: Land property of Nanjappa.
West by: Land property in Sy.No. 189/3.
North by: Land property in Sy. No.196.
South by : Doddaballapur-Chikkaballapur Road.

From:
M/s SATYAM PRIYAM LAW CHAMBERS,
ASADULLA KHAN and A.KRISHNAMURTHY, Advocates, #2156, shenigarpet, 22 Ward, Doddaballpur-561203. M.No.7338358211.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 133-143/2023-24/PHC/KNR

JJM-Kannur-Kasaragod district-Panniyannur panchayath,Mangalpady-Ajanur-Pallikkara-Pullur periya-Madikkai-Puthige-Madhur-Mogral puthur panchayath-Balance works. EMD : Rs. 50000-100000, Tender fee : Rs. 6508-9759, Last Date for submitting Tender : 24-11-2023 03:00:pm, Phone : 04972705902

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-1576-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle,Kannur

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY, KAVARATTI-682 555

F.No. 66/07/01/2023-Ele/2376 Dated. 03.11.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Electricity, UT of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive E-Tender from the eligible bidders for the Design, Manufacture and Supply of LT out door FRP Pole Mounted Box to Lakshadweep Electricity Department, till 12 PM on 17.11.2023. Further details can be downloaded from website **www.tendersutl.gov.in.** Further updates, if any, shall be notified on this website only.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (ELE)

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B), NIRMAN SOUDHA, BHUBANESWAR

E-mail seec.bbsr2010@gmail.com

Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 19/2023-24
No.2315 / Date. 08.11.2023

B-1243: The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for E.I. works which are to be received through online bidding, double cover system as detailed in : **https://tendersorissa.gov.in.** The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from **dt.14.11.2023 at 05.00 P.M. to dt.29.11.2023 up to 05.00 P.M.** The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened **dt.30.11.2023 at 11.30 A.M.** in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in.**

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the website.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle (R&B), Odisha, BBSR

OIPR-34006/11/0025/2324

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to General Public that my client Sri. Gangadhar, presently residing at Doddaballapura, has lost the last page of original sale deed dated 05/01/2017, executed by Sri. S. Rangaswamy, in favour of Sri. M. Muniraju, registered as document no. DBP-1-10865-2016-17,Book I, stored in CD no. DBPD411, on 11/01/2017, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura, with respect to the property bearing CMC Khatha no.1323/33, measuring 600 Sq., ft., which is morefully described as schedule property mentioned below and the same is not traceable. If found inform to Smt. B. Mallika, Advocate, whose address is mentioned as below, within eight days from the date of publication.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant immovable property bearing CMC Khatha no.1323/33, situated at Doddaballapura city, Bangalore Rural District, Site measuring East to West: 20-0 Feet and North to South : 30-0 Feet, in all measuring 600 Sq., ft., and bounded on :
East by : Road;
West by : Portion of land belonging to Smt. Anjinamma;
North by : Remaining portion of same property;
South by : Property belonging to Sri. Gulappa.

MALLIKA.B Advocate
No. 203, 2nd Floor,
Saraswathipuram Main Road,
Nandinilayout, Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9742658187

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CCE/BLS/NCB/51
Invited vide this office Letter No. 5148 dt.27.10.2023

O-1513: Due to unavoidable circumstances, partial modifications of Road Works under CMRL vide above identification have been made as follows :-

Sl. No.	Items	As per Original TCN	As per 1st Corrigendum to TCN & DTCN
1	Last date of availability of tender	Dt. 15.11.2023 up to 5.00 P.M	Dt. 21.11.2023 upto 5.00 PM
2	Last date & time of seeking tender Clarification	Dt.14.11.2023 up to 5.00 PM	Dt.20.11.2023 up to 5.00 PM
3	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	Dt. 16.11.2023 up to 11.00 A.M	Dt. 22.11.2023 up to 11 A.M

All other terms & conditions remain unaltered

OIPR- 25105/11/0067/2324 **Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore**

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(Public Works Department)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No.PWD/TS.6/Corrigendum/2023-24/5523 Dated: 13-11-2023

CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Corrigendum of tender called in e-procurement for the work Indent PWD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT5414 Reg.

Ref: This office Tender Notification No: 5130, Dated: 27.10.2023

With reference to the above subject, corrigendum for the tender called in e-procurement vide reference for work of Construction of Dr.B.R Ambedkar Bhavan (Extension Work) at Sedam Road in Kalaburagi, Tq & Dist Kalaburagi Under Social Welfare for the Year 2023-24 PWD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT5414 due technical problem. The calendar events are extended. The Calendar of events are read as follows.

Calender of Events: 1) Last date & Time for Tender Queries/clarifications : **22/11/2023 upto 17.30 Hrs.** 2) Last date & time for receipt of tenders : **24/11/2023 upto 16.00 Hrs.** 3) Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid : **27/11/2023 at 16.30 Hrs**, 4) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid : **29/11/2023 at 11.00 Hrs.**

Tender condition in the original notification remains same and the information may be got from the website of Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home).

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/460/KSMC&A/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA WORKS DEPARTMENT

Short Tender call Notice

E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-29/2023-24 Memo No.2451 Dt. 09/11/2023

B-1242: The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Temple work as detailed in the table below:

1. Nature of Work : Temple Works
2. No of Work : 3 Nos.
3. Tender Cost : Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor : B & A Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From 10.00 AM of Dt.14.11.2023 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.21.11.2023 up to 5.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt 22.11.2023 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: **https://tenderodisha.gov.in.** Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Khordha (R & B) Circle, Khordha

OIPR-34127/11/0036/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, NORTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE SAMBALPUR

e - Procurement

(SHORT TENDER CALL NOTICE)
BID IDENTIFICATION No CCENC (R AND B) /23/ 2023-24
No.6061 Dtd. 10.11.2023

B-1246

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Northern (R&8) Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odlsha Invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE for the construction of Road works and Building Works as detailed in the DTCN from the eligible class of contractors.
2. No of works= **01 (ONE) (Road Work)**
3. Tender Cost: **Rs. 10,000/-**
4. Class of contractor: **"B" Class, "A" Class**
5. Date & Time of available in web site & receipt of Bids From **14.11.2023 to 17.00 Hours of 21.11.2023.**
6. Date of opening of Technical Bid: **21.11.2023 at 18.00 Hours.**
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
8. Any corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
OIPR-34035/11/0026/2324 **Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur**

THE BHAVASARA KSHATRIYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Estd:1916

Head Office: "Sahakara Sadana", No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053, Phone: 080-22972781/82

POSSESSION NOTICE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(Under Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Limited, " Sahakara Sadana" No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053 defined as per Rule 2(a) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the above Act calling upon the borrowers and legal heir/s and they having failed to repay the demanded amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and legal heir/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) read with Rule 9 of the said Act and actual position is being taken by undersigned. The borrower/s legal heir/s and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the following property/s and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Limited, Bangalore.

SI No.	Name of the borrower and property address	Description of the immovable property	Total Balance Due
BASAVANAGUDI BRANCH			
01	Smt. Manjula and Sri. Srinivasa All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing New BBMP Khatha No.916/1, Site No.423, Property No.98, 99, 100 & 101, Munnekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Ashwath Nagar, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560037.	Measuring East to West : 30 feet North to South : 30 feet Bounded on the East by : Railway Road, West by : Property No.422, North by: Property No.425, South by: Road. Possession taken on: 10.11.2023	As on 04.11.2023 ₹ 49,88,533-00
MALLESHWARAM BRANCH			
01	Sri. Gopi N and Smt. Padma All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing House No.22, Tavarekere Slum, Hosur Road, Jogi Colony, Ward No.152 (Old Ward No.66), Bengaluru.	Measuring East to West : 13 feet North to South : 27.50 feet Bounded on the East by : Flat No.21, West by : Flat No.23, North by : Jayamma's House, South by: St. Johns's road. Possession taken on: 10.11.2023	As on 07.11.2023 ₹ 17,89,066-00
CANTONMENT BRANCH			
01	Sri. Krishna Murthy B All that piece and parcel of Immovable property consisting of land and building bearing BBMP No.28, (Old No.28,29,30 and 31 and still older numbers 33,34,35 & 36), 'N' No.5th Street, Ashur Khana Road, Bangalore, presently coming within the jurisdiction ward No.80 of Bharathinagar with PID No.80-36-28,	Measuring East to West : 12.5 feet North to South : 26 feet Bounded on the East by : Remaining portion of the same property sold to T K Prasad & T G Shashanth Shankar, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by: Private Property. Possession taken on: 10.11.2023	As on 08.11.2023 ₹ 12,02,187-00

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 10.11.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru

UCO BANK

A Govt. of India Undertaking

Asset Management Branch-AMB (2117),
1st Floor, 13/22, K.G Road, Bengaluru-560 009.
Phone: (080) 43472712/25/70, Fax: (080) 43472770
E-mail: banamb@ucobank.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 And thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of property mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the property to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable property mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" basis.**

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Bid submission last date c) Date & Time of Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid increase
1	**Mr. Umesh Naik B,** # 120, 1ST Main Road, Kalika Nagar, Andrahalli Main Road, Andrahalli, Bangalore 560091 **Mrs. Chaya Bai B w/o Mr. Umesh Naik B,** # 120, 1ST Main Road, Kalika Nagar, Andrahalli Main Road, Andrahalli, Bangalore 560091	a) 28.11.2016 b) 02.03.2018 (Symbolic Possession) c) Rs.72,73,507.57 lakhs plus interest and costs charges	a) 27.11.2023 Between 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M b) As per MSTC guidelines c) 29.11.2023 between 01.00 P.M to 05.00 P.M.	a) Rs.50,46,000/- b) Rs.5,05,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-

Description of Immovable Property : Title Deed No.1149/2015-16 dated 08.06.2015 Schedule Property All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site No. 09, Khata No. 34, Property No.34, situated at Kariobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South (52+62)/2 ft in all measuring 2280 Sq.ft and building under construction measuring 1100 sq.ft each in ground & first floors, total construction 2200 sq.ft and **Bounded by: East By** :site No.10, **West by:** Site No.8, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private property. **In the Name of Mr. Umesh Naik B**

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Bid submission last date c) Date & Time of Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid increase
2	**Mr. Vijay Kumar Rajashekhar,** S/o- Mr. Rajashekhar M, # No. 615, Sapthagiri Nilaya, Nr Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Shettihalli, Bangalore – 560015. Tel:- 9448955539, 9742954864 **Office Address:-** M/s Vijay Poultry Farm Proprietor : - Mr. Vijay Kumar Rajashekhar # Sy No. 36/1, Kadabagere Gate, Bangalore Rural – 562130. **Mr. Rajashekhar M,** S/o- Mr. Muniswamappa # No. 615, Sapthagiri Nilaya, Nr Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Shettihalli, Bangalore – 560015. Tel:- 9448955539, 9742954864 Mortgagor:- Mr. Vijay Kumar Rajashekhar, S/o- Mr. Rajashekhar M	a) 28.11.2016 b) 09.03.2020 (Physical Possession) c) RS.1,52,28,924.30 lakhs plus interest and costs charges	a) 27.11.2023 Between 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M b) As per MSTC guidelines c) 29.11.2023 between 01.00 P.M to 05.00 P.M.	a) RS.1,69,85,000/- b) Rs.1698500/- c) Rs.25,000/-

Description of Immovable Property : SALE DEED NO- 3023/2014-15, dt:- 13.06.2014 Schedule Property All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing **Site No. 10, formed in Sy No.81** converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide order reference No. **ALN.SR(N)231/2004-05 dated:- 17.12.2004**, Shettihalli Village, **Yeshwanthpura Hobli**, Bangalore North Taluk measuring **East to West :- 28 Feet & North to South : 88 Feet** in all measuring **2464 Sqft** and proposed construction of **1502.84 Sqft each in Stilt, Ground and 1st Floors and 1276.88 Sqft in 2nd floor and 90.81 Sqft in Head Room, total constructed Area being 5876.21 Sqft and Bounded on the East by :-** Road **West by :-** Property of Sampangamma **North by :-** Remaining portion of Same Sy No. 81 **South by :-** Road **IN THE NAME OF: Mr. Vijay Kumar Rajashekhar, S/o- Mr. Rajashekhar M**

A/C No. 00240210007150, IFSC Code: UCBA0000024, Tel. (080) 43472712/25/70, E-Mail ID - banamb@ucobank.co.in

Details of known encumbrances : Not known
Terms & Conditions

1. Sale shall be subjected to the terms and conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and conditions of the sale is available/ published in the following websites / Webportal: **i) https://ibapi.in ii) https//www.mstcecommerce.com**
2. The properties are being sold on **"As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" and "Whatever There is Basis".**
3. The particulars of secured assets specified in the scheduled here in above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officers, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or Omission in this proclamation.
4. The Sale will done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the **website.https//www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. on date 29.11.2023 between 1.00 PM to 5.00 PM**
5. It is open to the bank to appoint are presentative and make self-bid and participate in the auction
6. The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer

Place : Bangalore, Date : 10.11.2023 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer, UCO Bank**

THE BHAVASARA KSHATRIYACO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

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Head Office: "Sahakara Sadana", No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053, Phone: 080-22972781/82

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ISSUED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited Bangalore had taken possession of the house properties described hereunder mortgaged to the Bank by way of security for repayment of immovable Property Loan availed by the respective borrowers mentioned here below, Notice of Auction of the secured assets is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the public in general, under Rules 8 & 9 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Details of the borrower, property, reserve price, etc, are as below

SI No.	Borrower/s Name Branch Name	Property Address	Reserve Price & Amount Due to Bank	Public Auction Date, Time & Place
HEAD OFFICE BRANCH				
1	Smt.K.Rathnamma, Sri.M.Manjunath, Sri.M.Vinod, All residing at No.9, 3rd Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Industrial Area, Magadi Road Cross, Bengaluru-560 079.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.9, Old No.20/1, 3rd Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bengaluru (earlier site No. 44 formed out of Sy. No.9, Agrahara Dasarahalli Village) presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.106 of Dr. Rajkumar Ward, with PID No.21-79-9 within the area Measuring: East to West: 30 feet, North to South:40feet Bounded on the East by : Private property, West by: Property No.52, North by: Road, South by: Property No.51.	Reserve Price ₹ 1,00,25,000.00 Amount Due as on 13.12.2023 is ₹ 79,86,830/-	13.12.2023 at 11.30 am at premises of the Bank at " Sahakara Sadana" No.63/67, 24th cross, Kilari road, Bengaluru 560 053.
2	Sri.Dayananda Hegde No.B-301, B Block, "Green Elite" No.28/3, St.Anthony Road, Mariyannapalya H A Farm Post, Bengaluru 560 024.	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.15/2, situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now coming under BBMP Ward No.22 situated at 1st Cross Road, Vishwanathanagenahalli New Extension, Bangalore totally measuring 7340square feet and bounded on the Bounded on the: East by: 1st Cross Road, West by: Private property, North by: Private Property, South by : Property belonging to P Dasharath & P Gopal. SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (Description of undivided Share) 297.90 square feet of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the Schedule 'A' Property. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY (Mortgaged under this Deed) All that the piece and parcel of Flat No.G-3 (103), Ground Floor, "Siri Residency" Muncipal No.1/2, 1st Cross, Papanna Layout, Vishwanathanagenahalli, R T Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560032 in all shares along with one car parking space in the basement floor for exclusive use of the purchaser, inclusive of Proportionate share in the common areas such as passage, lobbies, lift staircase and other common area (including half portion in depth of the joints between the celling of the apartment and the floor of the apartment above it, internal and external walls between such levels) along with BESCOM/ KPTCL and BWSSB/Sanitary deposit including common areas and facilities attributable thereto. The building is of RCC roofing and vitrified tiles flooring and jungle doors and windows including water and sanitary fitments and electrical switches and Bounded on: East by: Flat No.G2 (102) West by: Flat No.G4(104), North by: Flat No.G5 (105), South by : Property No. 14/1 belonging to Chandrashekar	Reserve Price ₹ 40,11,000.00 Amount Due as on 16.12.2023 is ₹ 54,42,161/-	16.12.2023 at 11.30 am at premises your immovable property bearing No.15/2, Flat No.G-3(103), Ground Floor, "Siri Residency" Muncipal No.1/2, 1st Cross, Papanna Layout,Vishwanathanagenahalli, R T Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560 032
CANTONMENT BRANCH				
1	Sri.Rama Reddy S/o Mariyappa No.23, Jogi Colony, Madivala, Adugodi, Bengaluru 560 030.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property No.24, situated at Jogi Colony, Hosur Road, Tavakere Slum, Bangalore 560029, presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Old Ward No.66, New Ward No. 152 of Madivala with PID No.66-209-024, Measuring: East to West: 14 feet North to South : 27 feet, Bounded on the: East by : Plot No.23, West by : Plot No.25, North by : Plot No.09, South by : St.John's Road.	Reserve Price ₹ 38,02,000.00 Amount Due as on 14.12.2023 IS ₹ 22,70,978.00	14.12.2023 at 11.30 am at premises immovable property No.24, situated at Jogi Colony, Hosur Road, Tavakere Slum, Bangalore 560029
BASAVANAGUDI BRANCH				
1	Sri.Kiran Kowshik K S Smt.Vidyavathi G Both residing at No.40/4, Raghavendra Colony, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.40/4, Old No.40/3, situated at Raghavendra Colony, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018, presently coming under the jurisdiction of ward No.46 with PID No.46-23-40/4 within the area of Measuring: East to West: 24.06 feet, North to South: 20 feet, Bounded on the: East by : Others property, West by: Smt.Varadamma's property, North by : Sri. Kuppaswamy Reddy's property and, South by : Road.	Reserve Price ₹ 43,08,124.00 Amount Due as on 15.12.2023 is ₹ 31,50,542.00	15.12.2023 at 11.30 am at premises immovable property bearing No.40/4, Old No.40/3, situated at Raghavendra Colony, Chamarajpet, Bangalore 560 018

Place of Auction: At the places mentioned in column no. 5
Date of Auction: As per details in column No.5 above and 'AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION'
Terms and Conditions:

1. To participate in the Auction, the intending bidders have to deposit a sum of Rs.25000-00 by way of DD as EMD favoring The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bengalore payable at Bangelore on the date of Auction before 10.30am.
2. The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount immediately on the same day and the balance of 75% within 15 days in single installment by way of DD as stated above. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount.
3. All other liabilities charges and expenses like legal charges, stamp duty, registration fee/cost etc. shall be borne by the purchaser only.
4. On receipt of the entire bid amount and on confirmation of sale the undersinged shall issue a Certificate of Sale in favor of the purchaser in the form given in the aforesaid Act.
5. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders would be returned without interest immediately on conclusion of the Auction.
6. The Undesigned shall have powers to include or exclude or accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof including addition or deletion of other terms.
7. For inspection of the property and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at Head Office during office hours between 10.00 AM and 5.00PM.
8. For further details contact The Assistant Manager of the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru
Date:10.11.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru

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Success is not achieved by winning all the time. Real success comes when we rise after we fall

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INDIA ON TOP AS WORLD CUP TAKES FINAL TURN

WITH the group stages of the cricket World Cup done, one thing is clear. India, the hosts and the favourites, remain the team to beat even after 45 games. They have used a generational bowling attack to pulverise teams. With Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli in their line-up—two cricketers who will be in the conversation about this format's GOATs—their batting department has resembled a well-oiled battering ram. As we enter the last stretch, India look good but there are three other good teams too—South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. India may have beaten all of them, but the three can be as merciless on any given day.

There was much noise that there is no space for 50-over cricket in the calendar when the event began. That sentiment may well be true—with too much cricket, this format may suffer the most—but fans have lapped it up. Even if the response was a bit lukewarm to begin with, the turnstiles have not stopped rotating the last few weeks. The event may have clashed with festivals and big film releases but the appetite for cricket in this country remains unmatched. During the South Africa vs Afghanistan game at Ahmedabad, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that more than one million fans had watched the games at the 10 stadiums that are hosting the extravaganza. The 50-over game may not be in rude health but it is perhaps not on life support either. This World Cup has shown that there is interest for quality white-ball cricket.

Even if the games have by and large been one-sided, some of the performances will be remembered for years. Australian Glenn Maxwell against Afghanistan was a true reflection of sporting grit and uncertainty. Rohit and Kohli are among the top five run-scorers. Adam Zampa is flying the flag for spinners. Rachin Ravindra, a new kid on the block, has emulated Sachin Tendulkar. Sri Lanka may face a rocky road back but Dilshan Madushanka has shown the talent that is available. Pakistan, the hosts of the next 50-over ICC event, the 2025 Champions Trophy, blew hot and cold but brought their own uniqueness to the event. Defending champions England were one of the few genuine disappointments. With just three games remaining, including a rematch of the 1999 semifinal between South Africa and Australia, the stage is set for a grandstand finish.

BHUBANESWAR WASTE HILL RAISES BIGGER STINK

A giant hill of garbage in Odisha's capital Bhubaneswar has brought back stinking memories of India's tallest waste pile in Ghazipur along the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border. Over 50,000 tonnes of solid waste accumulated over the last six months has sent nausea levels soaring and pollution alarms ringing, apart from prompting people to consider moving out of the neighbourhood. The volume of filth has even become a political weapon for the opposition before the 2024 elections. With a Sainik School a stone's throw away and fast expanding neighbourhoods in its vicinity, the heap of waste is a tall and telling monument to the state's urban administration's insensitivity to people's plight. It also is a tale of failed promises by the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation which saw the crisis building over the last two years.

Rated one of the country's most liveable cities, Bhubaneswar generates close to 700 tonnes of solid waste every day, but the civic body has struggled to process it. Its earlier attempt to dispose of it at another site on the outskirts of the capital ran into resistance from villagers, forcing the municipality to deposit all its waste at a transit point. This, in the absence of adequate processing capacity, grew into a problem of gigantic proportions. What's appalling is the state pollution board stood a mute spectator without even bothering to check its impact on the water and air of the city.

The tendency to handle solid waste through unscientific landfill methods, which is at the heart of the problem, is not limited to Bhubaneswar. According to Swachh Bharat Mission data, in the 2,035 wards of Odisha's 115 urban local bodies, door to door collection and source segregation is 100 percent. It stated that out of the 1,721 tonnes per day (TPD) of collection, over 1,500 TPD gets processed. However, the auditor general said in 2022 that only a tenth of the waste was processed between 2015 and 2020 and most of it was dumped at landfills. The poor pace of processing was attributed to inadequate infrastructure and lack of appropriate technology adoption. Domestic waste, however, is only one part of the problem; the huge waste generated by businesses is a far bigger challenge. Central government data says there are 86 dumping sites in Odisha which hold about 40 lakh tonnes of legacy waste and none of it has come under remediation action. The Bhubaneswar crisis is only a tip of the bigger problem.

QUICK TAKE

RECONSIDER CONSTRUCTION BAN

THE day after Diwali is usually the most polluted in Delhi. This year was no different—the air quality index was up at a hazardous 420 on Monday. Of all the moves the government has made or is considering for improving air quality, banning construction work is perhaps the most detrimental—on construction workers and on critical infrastructure. The government says the number of such workers in Delhi was 10.04 lakh in May 2022; NGO Nirmana says it is over 11 lakh. The ban and the uncertainty over its stretch will substantially set them back. Also stuck would be 30-odd public works projects including on flyovers, hospitals and underpasses.

The 2+2 Dialogue's cognisance of emerging counter-terrorism challenges is welcome. A new cycle of terror will be looming when Israel's war in Gaza wanes

A SPECTRE THAT WILL HAUNT THE WORLD

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FOR the last five weeks, news from the strategic domain has been only related to the ongoing war in Gaza and its spinoffs. A conflict zone which had stabilised to a great extent in the wake of the ISIS's defeat in 2018 and appeared to be on the path of peace, however tenuous, suddenly awoke to a trigger which threw it back onto a path of intense conflict in one region, with threats to engulf many other sub-regions. While India's geopolitical and other interests are deeply enmeshed with West Asia, its own strategic rise demands that it balances its focus with other significant regions. To that end, the recent 2+2 Dialogue with the US held in New Delhi last week was an occasion for the strategic community to take stock of developments elsewhere and examine the progression of our interests.

Except for the joint statement put out by the foreign ministry, nothing much in terms of analyses has appeared in the media, thus allowing an important strategic event to go by. The joint statement covers almost every angle. Besides the good work on integrating the defence industrial ecosystems of the two countries and the encouragement to startups, India's full membership of the multinational Combined Maritime Forces, headquartered in Bahrain, was mentioned in positive terms. These are the incremental steps in the maritime domain which happen from time to time, adding weight to the campaign which commenced with the inception of Exercise Malabar in 1991.

My attention was taken by a short paragraph on counter-terrorism, which seemed to underline most of my concerns about the future. We need to be mindful of the fact that the Israel-Hamas war may end or dwindle to lower levels in the near future since the current high intensity cannot be sustained. That is when the spawning of terrorism outside the Gaza-Israel sphere will once again begin. The first cycle of global terror ended around the time of the pandemic. The second cycle was a certainty and the Israel-Hamas war plus the instability in Afghanistan and Pakistan will ensure its triggering in the near future. The situation in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region has been festering for some time and the build-up of capability by various terror groups has become evident.

The war initiated by Hamas appears to conceptually consider that conventional and hybrid methods for some time will draw Israel into the conflict, but the latter will not be able to sustain this, much like the US in Afghanistan; at some point in time, Israel will have to give it up. Till then, Hamas thinks that the people of Gaza will suffer and accept their fate just like Afghans did. This is a faulty assumption; the two situations are vastly different. What is more likely to happen is a spawning of new and reinvigorated terror groups in the West Asian region. That is why it was heartening to see that the Dialogue in New Delhi considered and included in the declaration issues such as the Financial Action Task Force, measures against money laundering, and the determination to counter new forms of terrorism and violent extremism, emerging and evolving technologies such as unmanned aerial systems and the internet's use in promoting terrorism. Considering their mutual interests, India and the US must cooperate in the field of intelligence much more intimately to obviate a situation such as the one on October 7 in their homelands.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Expectedly, the declaration focused far less on Ukraine, where the conflict seems to have momentarily petered out in intensity. Discussions veered around the effect on food and energy security of the Global South in particular, and the necessity to reconstruct Ukraine. This war has not ended—only its intensity has waned due to dilution of resources on both sides. Perhaps this is the time for initiatives. There is no victory in sight for either side. A quiet back channel may work in a year when Joe Biden is looking for success in any sphere to shore up a flagging re-election campaign.

While mutual cooperation issues took up the bulk of the Dialogue, which is how it should be, the arrival of India at a higher table perhaps requires both nations to view larger international issues with a little more interest. India is a cooperative partner to that extent, where it does not insist on too much jingoism in any of the Dialogue statements. The Indo-Pacific, one of the key components and reasons why the subject of partnership was at all broached, received only a brief mention. That, however, is acceptable since neither the US nor India is looking for any activation of Indo-Pacific sensitivities and tensions. There is enough happening in West Asia and Europe for the world to get involved with instead of instigating more war fronts.

One is content to see the Dialogue examine brasstacks cooperation such as people to people contact regarding visas and students in particular. Trade and health are the other avenues. Pandemic preparedness and response, health safety and security, universal health coverage, access, equity, and communicable and non-communicable diseases are some of the areas mentioned for future cooperation. With bilateral trade moving towards $200 billion despite the lean years before, it is nowhere near the contemplated $500 billion that both nations seek. Science and technology cooperation is progressing well but we need to proactively build strategic partnerships in emerging technologies such as quantum computing, telecom, biotechnology, artificial intelligence and semiconductors to accelerate innovation and benefit both economies.

Despite the noble intent of cooperation across multiple spheres, it is geopolitics which holds sway, with West Asia the flavour. The Dialogue preferred not to give any signals but correctly mentioned the need to release hostages, condemned terrorism and asked for humanitarian assistance to be extended, including pauses in hostilities to ensure it. Sooner rather than later, a more proactive stance will probably have to be taken by both partners to examine ways by which separation between the parties to the conflict can be ensured through UN peacekeeping arrangements.

It was a low-key Dialogue by past standards, but with ticks on the right boxes while also setting the course for cooperation on vexing issues.

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MAHUA MOITRA SAGA AND ETHICS OF ELECTORAL BONDS

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DESPITE a shower or two, the season's most sustained cracker has been Mahua Moitra. At no point since the cash-for-query scandal broke out has the Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP taken a step back or lowered her decibel levels. The scandal came to light in October. In another distant October, in 1975, right after the debilitating 15-round Thrilla in Manila, Muhammad Ali said of the beaten Joe Frazier that if he, Ali, ever fought a war, he would want Frazier by his side. Moitra is made of similar fighting stuff.

The essence of the charges against Moitra rests on the allegation that she received cash and gifts from a businessman, Darshan Hiranandani, to raise questions in parliament on his behalf. In the process, the BJP alleges, Moitra breached decorum and endangered national security by handing her official parliamentary login and password. Moitra says there is no proof of a cash trail, and so no ethical norm has been violated. As for the security breach, she says it is the practice of all MPs to share their passwords with their staff. And that, in any case, the OTP clearance must come from her. She believes all her questions, though placed at her disposal by Hiranandani, are of public interest.

The Ethics Committee did not much debate the issue. But then Moitra is not an easily debatable person. No matter what the topic, she would have her opponent on the defensive. Incidentally, if a male politician resorted to the kind of tactics Moitra resorts to—out of strategy, or out of temperament—he might have been seen as unreasonable and even uncouth. There is a gender bias here in full display. Perhaps she had an inkling of the outcome of the committee proceedings and wanted to come across to her voters as a gutsy victim. These days optics is all. Besides, there is great power invested in victimhood.

I have gone into the Moitra case in some detail not to examine its pros and cons, but to draw attention to a paradox at work in the larger Indian scheme of things.

On November 2, the Supreme Court asked the Union government if it would reveal the identity of corporations and clients contributing to the electoral funds of political parties. The SC said the electoral bond system was opaque and asked the government whether it would amend the Companies Act to cap the percentage of profit a company could keep aside for political funding. This would, the court observed, go a long way to bring about transparency and reduce *quid pro quo*. There has not been yet any response from the government on either score.

According to an Association for Democratic Reforms report, the total income of eight political parties was ₹3,289 crore in 2021-22. The BJP received ₹1,917 crore, the TMC ₹546 crore, the Congress ₹541 crore, and the CPM received ₹162 crore. In the case of the BJP, the percentage of 'unknown' sources was 61, for the TMC, 97, for the Congress, 72, and for the CPM, 48.

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> The bribery charges against Moitra are unproven. Even if true, they would likely involve a few scarves, lipsticks or a Dubai trip. In contrast, billionaires and companies give thousands of crores to political parties through opaque electoral bonds. Is that for charity?

The Prudent Electoral Trust is the agency that dominated the charity show in 2021-2022. Of the ₹353 crore it donated, the BJP received ₹336.5 crore, and the Congress ₹16.50 crore. *Winner Take Nothing*, Hemingway said. He was wrong. The Prudent Electoral Fund is promoted and run by Bharti Enterprises, the owners of Airtel.

Contrast this with, say, Kanshi Ram's politics (One Vote, One Note) at the inception of his political career. The funding model of Indian politics has clearly moved from voters to corporates. Indeed, if you listen to the campaign speeches of political leaders these days, they are competing with each other to 'bribe' voters by announcing direct cash transfers, and the amount goes up in proportion to the proximity of the election dates in poll-bound states.

The *quid pro quo* condition sums it all up pretty well. Without expecting a return, no company or individual pays hundreds of crores to political parties, especially the ones in power. There is no honey without money. Most of these donations do not even disclose proper bank transaction details.

One of the topics currently raging in philosophical and behavioural circles is free will. Admired scientist-thinker Dr Robert Sapolsky in his latest book, *Determined*, argues that there is absolutely no free will, only genetic predisposition and context. Put this way, both Moitra and the Ethics Committee were predisposed to make the choices they made. There could not have been another way, another universe for them.

Certainly, electoral bonds contribute to or even define the predetermination of outcomes in Indian politics. One can even argue that the vote that the generally impoverished Indian citizen casts is 'determined' much before he or she enters the booth.

Given the big money at play anyway, what do some lipsticks, a few scarves, or a couple of trips to Dubai amount to? These are the favours Moitra has been accused of having gotten from Hiranandani.

On her part, Moitra has shouted from the rooftops of most media houses that her detractors have not furnished any proof. Well, Hiranandani would not be such a fool that he notarised an affidavit and sent it, implicating himself, to the BJP functionaries against his former friend Moitra without proof of transaction for the favours done or gifts given.

My submission is that it really does not matter. It is just small beer even if proven true. Would a few scarves, lipsticks or a Dubai trip or two amount to anything at all, given that the lifeline of Indian politics is the thousands of crores pumped into the system by companies and billionaires?

Here's what the BJP can do to its advantage. Issue a warning to Moitra and bring her back into the parliamentary fold. Hopefully, she may prove to be more amenable in her parliamentary interactions later on. Generosity would be an intervention that helps determine the outcome. It takes real work, tapping into the kinder genes.

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MP's integrity

Ref: *Action against Moitra violates doctrine of proportionality* (Nov 13). I do not concur with this view. A responsible MP should not share his or her ID and password with anyone for whatever reason. Integrity and national security are the factors to be considered.

W J Fasalkar, Belagavi

Destructive development

Ref: *The planet belongs to animals too* (Nov 12). In our pursuit for development, we exploit nature. This leads to the destruction of the ecological balance, making the lives of human beings as well as other species miserable. We should not overlook this fact while going forward with development.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Common code

Ref: *UCC draft bill is work in progress, will need more time* (Nov 12). If implemented, UCC will help standardise administration and judicial processes. Who an Indian citizen is needs to be explained indubiously. Everyone should align with the UCC without giving importance to their practices and beliefs. The UCC and citizens are interlocked and the need for all to understand it is the criterion.

Ravi Nair, Palakkad

Dutch impression

Ref: *India beat the Netherlands by 160 runs* (Nov 13). Congratulations to the Netherlands team. At a time when even the World Cup winners failed to surpass 100 runs, these Dutchmen defended quite confidently and finished the match with a decent score of 250. International cricket is bound to see some stellar shows in the years ahead.

Narayani P, Bengaluru

Governor's powers

Ref: *TN guv delaying nod for bills a serious concern, says SC* (Nov 11). The SC's ruling that governors cannot sit on bills passed by state legislatures is a well-deserved cuff on their hands. Governors in the non-BJP-ruled states have become impediments with aims to obstruct the development in these states to 'satisfy' the whims of their masters at the Centre. It is upto the SC to decide the reasonable timeframe for a governor to take a decision on a bill.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Spooky riders

Ref: *'Unidentified' female figures in AI camera images have MVS spooked* (Nov 12). Motorists have already complained against challans being issued for offences they have not committed. The reported incidents of unidentified figures in vehicles must be analysed seriously in order to fix glitches, if any, in the AI cameras in place all over Kerala.

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Arjun Ram Meghwal @arjunrammeghwal
We have taken suggestions from more than 1 crore people of Rajasthan for making the manifesto. The 'Sankalp Patra' will soon come before the public.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
What a deplorable and disgraceful milestone...over 10,000 people killed in Gaza of which almost half are children. One child is being killed every 10 minutes according to the WHO.

D Raja @ComradeDRaja
Russian Revolution's enduring message of equality continues to guide emancipatory struggles all over the world.

■ MP Cong chief Kamal Nath accuses BJP of breeding commission and scams ■ Pralhad Singh Patel says Congress leadership in MP is tired and defeated

Shivraj believes in television, I believe in vision: Kamal Nath

A VETERAN of many political battles in his career spanning more than four decades, Kamal Nath is credited with the Congress success in Madhya Pradesh within six months of being made the state party president in 2018. As the party's CM-face, **Kamal Nath** tells **Anuraag Singh** that he is confident of returning to power with a massive majority this time. **Excerpts**:

What's the biggest issue in this election?
Misgovernance during the 18-year rule of Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The BJP government has made MP synonymous with corruption ('50% Commission Raj') and atrocities against women, tribals and Dalits have gone up. The farmers aren't getting prices for their produce, youths aren't getting employment, and women are unsure about their safety — these are the hallmarks of the Shivraj government.

Will there be any impact of Jyotiraditya Scindia's absence on the poll outcome in the Gwalior-Chambal region?
It will have a major impact. The Congress will romp home with so many seats, which it has never won. Our performance in 2022 urban local body polls, particularly the manner in which the Congress won the Gwalior mayor polls after 58 years, was an indicator of what is going to happen in the region in the polls.

Congress' Vachan Patra (manifesto) is yet to reach every part of the state. Why is it so?
Every family in the state knows the promises made by us in our Vachan Patra. Shivraj Ji believes in television while I believe in vision. When in power, the Congress will raise MSP on wheat to ₹2,600 per quintal and paddy's MSP to ₹2,500/quintal. Old pension scheme will be restored for government employees, OBCs will get 27% reservation, vacancies for 2 lakh posts will be filled, every family will get ₹25 lakh health insurance cover, while women will get ₹1,500 monthly and LPG cooking gas cylinder at ₹500. Also, electricity bills up to 100 units power consumption will be zero, while consumers will have to pay half for consumption of up to 200 units.

All I know is that religion isn't the subject of publicity; it's a thought and conduct. Had I believed in publicity in the name of religion, wouldn't I have been advertising for the 101-ft Lord Hanuman statue built by me in Chhindwara 15 years back?

Kamal Nath, MP Congress president

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra seems more active than his brother Rahul Gandhi to counter BJP government's Ladli Behna Scheme?
Such comparisons are irrelevant. Actually, the BJP and Shivraj Ji remembered the 'Behnas' (sisters) after 18 years, only after the Congress gave the guarantee of ₹1,500 per month and ₹500 LPG cooking gas cylinder under its Nari Samman Yojana.

Which segment is Congress' focusing on?
The Congress follows the policy of taking all sections along. We're focusing on enhancing employment for youths, resuming old pensions for employees, Nari Samman to ensure freedom from price rise and safety-security for women, social justice and security for Dalits, tribals, backwards and minorities.

With a mounting burden of borrowings, how will the promises made in the Congress manifesto be fulfilled?
A similar question was asked by journalists in 2018, but everyone saw that loans of 27 lakh farmers were waived during our short stint, a fact which has also been acknowledged by the Shivraj government in the Vidhan Sabha. The real question lies on what one's priority is. The Shivraj government isn't borrowing for the welfare of youths, women and farmers. It actually borrows for breeding commission and scams, whose proceeds are shared among BJP workers. Once the loot of government exchequer by the BJP government is stopped, there won't be a dearth of money for welfare schemes.

Is the Congress fighting the polls on the plank of soft Hindutva?
All I know is that religion isn't the subject of publicity; it's a thought and conduct. Had I believed in publicity in the name of religion, wouldn't I have been advertising for the 101-ft Hanuman statue built by me in Chhindwara 15 years ago?

Verbatim

Congress has been alleging 50% commission corruption in MP. But why hasn't the issue reached rural areas?
Corruption has been most rampant in villages. Every citizen of MP has either fallen prey to corruption or is witness to it. Wherever I go and whoever I meet, I hear people complaining about uncontrolled corruption.

Why are the polls centred around Kamal Nath only?
All Congress leaders are there in the poll battlefield. The seven yatras, which were taken out by the Congress across the state, had seven senior leaders leading them, irrespective of the fact that I had flagged them off. Some people often tell me that though the BJP hasn't declared its CM face in MP after over 18 years in power, the general perception is that this election is 'Kamal Nath vs Shivraj'.

We'll repeat '03 win as people trust double-engine govt: Patel

UNION Minister of State for Food Processing Industries & Jal Shakti **Pralhad Singh Patel** says the BJP will repeat its 2003-like victory and take the state to a new height of peace and prosperity. The Damoh MP, who is contesting from Narsinghpur Assembly seat in Madhya Pradesh, tells **Rajesh Kumar Thakur** that the Congress stands exposed and its return to power is almost impossible. **Excerpts:**

Is BJP confident of retaining power this time?
We are poised to repeat the 2003-like victory and 'Lotus' will bloom again. People have full faith in the double-engine government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Our government has put 'vikas ki gaari' in top gear and brought visible changes in the state. People understand that only a BJP government will work for the state for the next five years.

Is there a strong anti-incumbency against the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government?
There is no anti-incumbency in the state. Congress leaders, identified with corruption and cheating people, are trying to mislead people. People have seen developments during the BJP government. Only performance, not the predictions of some Congress leaders, will influence the results.

When the results are declared on December 3, a true picture will emerge, and it will be an excellent example of developmental politics heralded in the country by PM Modi. The roadmap of building Madhya Pradesh as the topmost state has been laid and works started on it.

We have spread a network of good roads across rural areas also and transformed the state which was once taunted as 'Bimaru' (sick). It is now a 'bemisal' (extraordinary) and 'viksasheel' (development-oriented) state.

There is only one ideology behind our election campaign: development, dignity and the welfare of all. It is the BJP that has made women and girls feel empowered and excel in education

Pralhad Singh Patel, Union MoS for Food Processing Industries & Jal Shakti

Congress alleges the BJP lacks faces in MP, which led it to field 7 MPs, including you, in the assembly polls...
Let me be clear that Kamal Nath is going to lose the election. As far as the 'face' is concerned in Congress, where is the face in this party? The Congress leadership stands tired and defeated before a visionary and vibrant BJP leadership.

The Congress has turned blind in its politics of appeasement. The party believes in 'parivarvad' (dynastic) politics. The Congress has only two leaders — Kamal Nath and Digvijaya Singh. Both are defeated leaders since 2003 and have no concern for the state except believing in establishing themselves.

From our side, those who have been brought to the fray are liked and looked upon by people on the basis of their performances as 'sevak' of their respective areas contrary to Congress' political babudom.

We have a second line of leaders as well. Where are the second-line leaders in Congress? The Congress should not compare its leaders with those of the BJP.

What are the key issues on which the BJP is seeking the mandate again in MP?
There is only one ideology behind our election campaign: development, dignity and the welfare of all. The BJP seeks votes for the welfare of the poor, nari sashaktikaran (women's empowerment), rozgar aur sva-rozgar (employment and self-employment) and development with dignity. It is the BJP that has made women and girls feel empowered and excel in education.

Kamal Nath alleges that corruption has ruled the state under the BJP government. How do you counter him?
It is an irony that a leader like Kamal Nath speaks about corruption. It was he who never ventured out from his Vallabh Bhawan office in 15 months of governance in MP and never attended any government meeting. I don't want to speak about Digvijaya Singh; he is trying to establish his son.

Speculation is rife about a change of leadership in MP if the BJP is voted back to power. Do you see yourself in the race for CM's post?
I don't get into such matters. The BJP wants development. Such speculation is like political daydreaming. I follow what the party asks me to do. I have fought many elections, including for the Lok Sabha from 4 places after the party asked me.

Do you think plans such as the ladli behna yojana would help the BJP in retaining power?
Garib Kalyan is one of the prime services. Had it been done only for a section, it would have been closed in December. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended it for another five years. As far as the Ladli Behan scheme is concerned, Madhya Pradesh has set an example in women's empowerment.

No other state government has done as much work as our state government has. The BJP has served the state with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Sab ka vikas, sab ka sath and sab ka prayas' (development with participation of all).

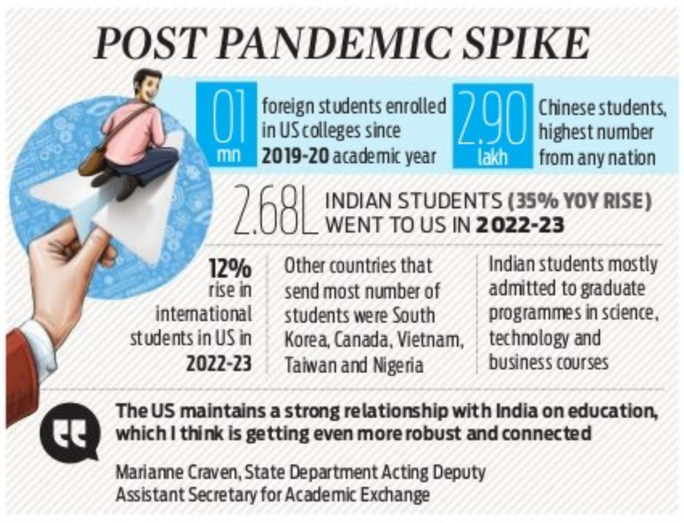
35% rise in Indian students in US colleges

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

MARKING a rebound from the pandemic slump, there has been 35 per cent surge in the number of Indian students enrolling in US colleges in the academic year 2022-23, according to findings from the US State Department and the non-profit Institute of International Education.

The report revealed that more than 1 million students came from abroad to attend US colleges, marking the highest number since the 2019-20 school year, according to the Open Doors 2023 report on International Educational Exchange.

The influx of international students was primarily driven by Indian students, who flocked to US colleges as Covid-19 cases dwindled and international travel restrictions eased. India was the second largest country that send students to US, after China. It saw an all-time high with 2,68,923 students flying to US in 2022-23, reflecting 35 per cent year-on-year increase.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foreign students enrolled in US colleges since 2019-20 academic year
2.90 lakh
Chinese students, highest number from any nation
2.68L INDIAN STUDENTS (35% YOY RISE) WENT TO US IN 2022-23
12% rise in international students in US in 2022-23
Other countries that send most number of students were South Korea, Canada, Vietnam, Taiwan and Nigeria
Indian students mostly admitted to graduate programmes in science, technology and business courses
The US maintains a strong relationship with India on education, which I think is getting even more robust and connected
Marianne Craven, State Department Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Exchange

Overall, the number of international students in the US grew by 12 per cent in 2022-23, representing the most significant single-year rise in over 40 years. Most Indian students were admitted to graduate programmes, often in science, technology, and business.

However, China remained the leading source of international students in the US, with 290,000 students. Nevertheless, its numbers declined for the third consecutive year, according to the report. The surge in Indian students resulted in their numbers surpassing those from China in 24 US states, including Illinois, Texas, and Michigan, which are among the top destinations for international students.

Marianne Craven, the State Department's acting deputy assistant secretary for academic exchange, stated, 'The US maintains a strong relationship with India in education, which I believe is becoming even more robust and connected.'

Following China and India, the countries that sent the most students to the US were South Korea, Canada, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Nigeria. Allan E Goodman, CEO of the Institute of International Education, commented, "This reinforces that the US remains the destination of choice for international students wishing to study abroad, as it has been for over a century."

Share by Nov 15 details of all electoral bonds received, EC tells political parties

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has asked political parties to furnish by November 15 the details of all donations they have received through electoral bonds since the inception of the scheme.

The development comes after the Supreme Court, on November 2, directed the ECI to produce an "up to date" data of funds received by political parties through electoral bonds till September 30, 2023.

In a letter addressed to heads of all political parties on November 3, the ECI has sought the detailed particulars of donors against each bond, the amount of each bond, and the full particulars of the credit received against each bond.

The letter also stipulated that the particulars should be sent in a double-sealed cover — one duly sealed envelope containing the particulars and second duly sealed envelope containing the first envelope — to its secretary of the election expenditure division.

The ECI also said the sealed covers should reach it by November 15 evening. It also said the envelopes should be clearly marked as "confidential-electoral bonds".

While passing its order on November 2, the court had said, "This exercise shall be carried out on or before November 19, 2023. Data in a sealed packet shall be handed over to the Registrar (Judicial) of this court."

The apex court had, in April 2019, declined to stay the electoral bonds scheme and made it clear that it will accord an in-depth hearing on the pleas as the Centre and the election commission had raised "weighty issues" that had "tremendous bearing on the sanctity of the electoral process in the country".

The electoral bonds scheme, which was notified by the government on January 2, 2018, was pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring in transparency in political funding.

Who can buy and receive electoral bonds?

Electoral bonds can be purchased by any citizen of India or entity incorporated or established in the country. Only political parties registered under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and which secured not less than 1% of votes polled in the last LS elections or an assembly poll, are eligible to receive electoral bonds.

India exempted from global body's review obligation on red sanders

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

INDIA has been excluded from the 'Review of Significant Trade' (RST) for Red Sanders, under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). This exclusion from review will now enable farmers cultivating Red Sanders to augment their income via cultivation and export. The tree is endemic to a few districts of Andhra Pradesh in India.

The decision on exemption follows the recently concluded meeting of the CITES standing committee on wild fauna and flora in Geneva, Switzerland. India has been a party to CITES since 1976.

The 'Review of Significant Trade' allowed the suspension of Red Sanders trade with India and imposed heightened scrutiny of species exports from the country to ensure the proper implementation of the convention's regulations.

What does the 'review' of trade signify?

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Due to its high market value, the Red Sanders species has been listed as Appendix II under CITES since 1994, facing threats of illegal harvesting and smuggling, leading to depletion from natural forests. Environmentalists raised complaints about Indian timber traders illegally exporting wild Red Sanders. Consequently, CITES subjected Red Sanders to the RST process from 2004.

India's consistent compliance with the administrative and regulatory system of CITES, coupled with regular reporting, has warranted its removal from the RST.

'Ram darbar' most coveted item among PM mementos

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

WITH the fifth edition of online auction of the mementos that were gifted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi inching towards its finale, a wooden sculpture depicting Ram Darbar, a pair of statues of Lord Laxmi Narayan Vitthal and Goddess Rukmini, and a souvenir of Jerusalem city made of silver have emerged as the most coveted articles.

Initially, the statues of Lord Vitthal and Goddess Rukmini were on top in the 'most participated auctions' category on the bidding portal. However, by 5 pm on Monday, the Ram Darbar — ensemble of Lord Ram, Sita, Lakshman and Hanuman — got the maximum bids, with 102 bidders showing interest in buying the souvenir. The highest price quoted was ₹2.35 lakh against the base price of ₹55,100. The Ram Darbar statue was gifted by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during Deepotsav in Ayodhya last year.

Ram Darbar statue (left); statues of Lord Laxmi Narayan Vitthal and Goddess Rukmini

According to the auction portal *https://pmmementos.gov.in*, 93 people have bid to grab the statues of Lord Laxmi Narayan Vitthal and Goddess Rukmini. The highest quoted price was ₹28,000 while the base price was ₹7,000. The Jerusalem souvenir with a base price of ₹3,300 has invited 92 offers with the highest bid being ₹54,300.

The month-long auction was launched on October 2 and was extended till November 15.

The two other most sought after souvenirs was a sword with a lion-headed hilt, floral-leaf motifs, and red velvet sheath, as well as dotted sculpture of Cheetah. Both have got 74 proposals. The reserved price for the sword from Sirohi was ₹7,000 and the highest price quoted so far for this is ₹28,200. The metallic cheetah in motion has got a maximum bid of ₹22,000 against the base price of ₹1,200.

One of the featured articles having the highest reserve price — a painting of Varanasi ghat titled 'A tribute to the timeless charm of the city' by noted artist Paresh Maity — had seven bids quoted till Monday. The base price of the painting was ₹64.80 lakh, while the best price offered was ₹74.50 lakh.

IAS ATTACKED

Unknown assailants fired at official residence of Punjab IAS officer Varinder Kumar Sharma in Sector 24 of Chandigarh on Saturday. He is posted as MD of health corporation and secretary of human rights Commission.

05 KILLED IN RAJASTHAN ROAD ACCIDENT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	19	Mumbai	36	26
Bhopal	29	14	Panaji	31	26
Jaipur	27	17	Patna	31	18
Amritsar	27	13	Lucknow	28	15
Chennai	27	26	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	31	21	Imphal	27	11
Srinagar	17	02	Chandigarh	27	11

■ BJP makes corruption as the main poll plank, woos tribals in MP, C'garh ■ In MP, Congress leader calls for caste survey

PM: Cong making false promises to win elections

Congress can even promise to build a palace of gold in MP on coming to power, but once in power, they will say that the promised palace will be built only after gold is generated from the potato.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Raipur/Bhopal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday claimed that the countdown of the Congress had begun, accusing it of making false promises to secure votes in poll-bound Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

Addressing the BJP's public rally in Mungeli district, about 120 km from Chhattisgarh capital Raipur, he said the first phase of polling indicated that Chhattisgarh would soon be Congress-free.

Addressing another poll rally in Barwani district of south-western MP, the PM accused the Congress of making false promises to return to power. "Congress can even promise to build a palace of gold in MP on coming to power, but once in power, they will say that the promised palace will be built only after gold is generated from potato."

He sought to warn the first-time voters, saying the youths should understand what has happened in those states where Congress has returned to power by promising lollipops. He also accused the Congress of neglecting the interests of tribals. "It's the BJP that has rendered social justice to tribals across the country. On Wednesday, I will be in the village of tribal icon Bhagwan Birsa Munda in Jharkhand, from where a major scheme for tribals will be launched," said the PM.

He sought to remind the voters of a tailor's murder by radical elements.

"Look what all has happened in Rajasthan in the last five years. No one had ever imagined hearing the slogan 'Ser tan se juda,' but it all happened on camera in Rajasthan. Not only do we have to save the land of bravehearts, Rajasthan, but also prevent Madhya Pradesh from being pushed into destructive Congress rule," Modi said.

In Chhattisgar's Mungeli, the PM stated that the Congress government betrayed the trust of the people. "The party has now accepted its defeat by declaring false promises," he said.

The Prime Minister held the Congress accountable for the existing poverty in the country.

Targeting the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel over Mahadev betting scam on alleged payment of ₹508 crore by the app promoters, he said there is even an audio file that suggests the corrupt practices adopted (by Congress) in ticket allocation for the party candidates for contesting the elections in the state.

'Cong neglected tribals'

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Rahul: Cong will return to power with huge majority

From the day I demanded caste census across the country, the PM has started saying there is no caste in the country... why did he take pride of being an OBC?

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

FOUR days ahead of the polls, Rahul Gandhi exuded confidence on Monday about his party sweeping the elections in Madhya Pradesh.

Gandhi, who addressed rallies in Neemuch district of western and Harda district of central MP, before holding a roadshow and nukkad meeting in old Bhopal (Congress's citadel Bhopal North constituency), said that the party would return to power in the state with massive majority.

He accused PM Narendra Modi of lying on MP's development. "The PM comes here and claims that 500 factories have been opened in MP, but the entire state knows that not even a single factory was opened in MP during the BJP rule."

Raising the issue of caste census in the country and MP (which is among Congress's poll guarantees for the state), the former Congress chief said, "From the day I demanded caste census in the country, the PM has started saying there is no caste in the country, there is only one caste which is gareeb (poor). If that was the case, why did the same PM earlier take pride in being from Other Backward Caste (OBC)?"

While dubbing the state as "capital of corruption," he raised the issue of Union minister Narendra Singh Tomar's son Devendra Pratap Singh Tomar's latest viral video. "He's

(Tomar's son) is talking over a video call and is seen discussing stealing your (public) money. The BJP MLA here, who also is a minister, is in a race with Tomar on who steals maximum money from people of MP, including farmers and labourers."

Importantly, while the local MLA Om Prakash Saklecha in Jawad-Neemuch, where Gandhi addressed the day's first rally, is a minister in the state government, Kamal Patel, one of the local MLAs in Harda district (where Gandhi addressed the second rally), is the state's agriculture minister.

In the evening, Gandhi held a packed road show in the state capital Bhopal, before addressing a nukkad sabha, where he accused the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and his ministers of being indulgent in corruption.

The state will go to polls on November 17 and the results will be out on December 3.

DECIDE

The viral video clip

Rahul also questioned why no Central investigating agency has been asked by government to probe a video involving Union minister Narendra Singh Tomar's son

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Mehbooba's cousin joins Ghulam Nabi's party

Sarwar Mufti, the cousin of PDP chief and ex-J&K CM Mehbooba Mufti, has joined Ghulam Nabi Azad's Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP). Sarwar took voluntary retirement from government services to join the DPAP over his faith and trust in the leadership of Azad, a spokesperson of DPAP said. Azad floated the party in September last year after breaking his decades old ties with Congress. However, recently many leaders including Azad's trusted lieutenant Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed from Kashmir and Tara Chand from Jammu, who came from Congress to DPAP, had returned to their parent party.

Phase 5 of 'Back to Village' launched

The 5th phase of the government's week-long public outreach programme 'Back to Village' was launched on November 7. From 2019, the Lt Governor administration in J&K has held four phases of the programme with the aim to take the administration to people's doorsteps across 4,483 panchayats. The Prabhari officers (designated officers) visit respective panchayats and interact with locals, take a review of previous and current year deliverables, prepare a plan with a special focus on improving the e-services penetration and greater accessibility to government schemes.

Now, road connectivity till Amarnath cave

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has widened the narrow and vulnerable tracks leading to the Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir via the Baltal route to enhance the safety and convenience of pilgrims. The Amarnath cave is situated at an altitude of 13,000 ft. The BRO had started the work in May this year. The road widening from Dumail to Amarnath cave has been completed while the upgradation work, which includes protection walls at landslide-prone areas is currently underway, the BRO said. In September last year, both — traditional Pahalgam and shortest Baltal route — were handed over to the BRO for both maintenance.

Sops in plenty as Cong, BJP in race to placate women voters in C'garh

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

BOTH the Congress and the BJP are locked in direct contest, with their proposed women-specific schemes that offer annual financial assistance, vying for the support of the women voters, who outnumber male electorates in Chhattisgarh.

With an eye on the role played by the women in the polls, the BJP in its manifesto released by home minister Amit Shah ahead of the first phase polling declared to provide financial assistance of ₹1,000/month to all married women under 'Mahtari Vandan' scheme.

Chief minister Bhupesh Baghel, in an attempt to weaken the appeal of the BJP's plan, took the occasion of Diwali to make an opportune announcement declaring to give ₹15,000 annually (₹3,000 more than the BJP) under its 'Griha Laxmi' yojana in response to the BJP's 'Mahtari Vandan' scheme.

"We have already planned to announce 'Griha Laxmi' yojana for women on auspicious day of Laxmi puja (Diwali festive occasion) to be launched after the Congress retains power in the state. Our party was prepared for the scheme, if the BJP got appalled over such move, what can I do", said Baghel.

The BJP has strongly reacted. "Congress seems agitated over the response and wide acceptance expressed by women on the BJP's proposed 'Mahtari Vandan' scheme. It clearly indicates the Congress has accepted that it's not going to win the elections and is taking whatever steps to counter our vision", asserted Raman Singh, former CM and BJP national vice-president.

Congress says the government will conduct a survey for the scheme, the women from every segment of the society will be incorporated and they will get amount directly into their bank account every month.

In Chhattisgarh, there are 1.02 crore women voters and 1.01 crore male electorates. Experts said women outnumbering men in as many as 57 assembly constituencies (out of 90 seats) will have a significant impact on voter turnout.

The state also has an impressive sex ratio (females per 1,000 males) at 991 compared to national 943 as per 2011 census.

In 66 yrs, BJP's record poor in Ram's land

ANURAAG SINGH @ Chitrakoot

REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE

It was in 1989 at its national executive meet in Palampur (Himachal Pradesh) that the BJP first resolved to build Lord Ram's temple in Ayodhya.

More than four decades since then the issue of Ram temple (its consecration is scheduled for January 22, 2024) in Ayodhya, has become one of the inseparable poll issues for the party across the country.

But, while the BJP has reaped significant poll benefits by espousing the emotion in Ram Janmbhoomi in Ayodhya – winning six out of the seven assembly polls in Ayodhya seat of Uttar Pradesh – the party has won just one assembly election (that too by just 722 votes) in Ram's Tapobhoomi in neighbouring Madhya Pradesh in the last 51 years. The Congress has won the seat eight times.

Welcome to Chitrakoot — Lord Ram's Tapobhoomi (land of penance) – in Satna district of assembly poll-bound Madhya Pradesh's Vindhya region.

At the start of the 5-km prikrama (circumambulation) route, this correspondent meets Pritam Mishra and Rohit Pratul Mishra, the young priests at the ancient Kamta Nath Temple located at the foothills of the Kamadgiri Hill – which is believed to have been home to the holy trinity Ram, Sita and Laxman for 11 years, six months and 21 days – during the period of their 14 years long exile from Ayodhya.

The two (both close relatives) say, "Most Hindus, including us, are proud of the 1 km stretch of the 5 km parikrama of the Kamadgiri Hill. The 1 km part lies in UP's Chitrakoot (Karvy) district, while the remaining 4 km are part of Chitrakoot area of MP's Satna district."

Constituency WATCH CHITRAKOOT

"Not just Ayodhya has been transformed, but the BJP government there has also ushered change in its Chitrakoot, with electric wire-lines going underground and six-lane roads replacing the once rickety roads being put in place in just a few years. Though MP houses 70% of Chitrakoot Dham, it's yet to get good roads compared to UP," Pritam Mishra laments.

In Birsinghpur town in MP's Chitrakoot assembly seat, two BJP supporters Nathu Sen and Devraj Sen (both run barber shops) admit that development in the 18 years doesn't match the same ushered by the same party government in UP. They, however, add it is the caste-based politics of the Vindhya region, which will decide who wins on December 3.

They, however, are hopeful that owing to a multi-cornered contest, ex-BJP MLA and their local politician Surendra Gaharwar may sail through against the sitting Congress MLA Neelanshu Chaturvedi, who they claim has neglected development in the area.

It was Gaharwar (BJP candidate this time also) only who won the seat in 2008, defeating third-time Congress MLA and former dacoit Prem Singh by 722 votes. After Prem Singh's death in 2017, current Congress MLA Neelanshu Chaturvedi (who hails from Chitrakoot's erstwhile Chaubey royal family) won the seat twice in 2017 bypoll and 2018 assembly polls.

Chaturvedi, who won the seat in 2018 defeating BJP's present candidate by over 10,000 votes, however, is embroiled in four-cornered fight–Surendra Gaharwar (BJP), BJP rebel Subhash Sharma 'Doli' as BSP candidate and ex-Congress MLA Prem Singh's son-in-law and Congress rebel Sanjay Singh now SP candidate.

"The battle isn't easy for the sitting MLA due to strong anti-incumbency and presence of BSP and SP candidates. BJP rebel Subhash Sharma will not just dent BJP votes, but will also eat into Congress votes, as he was in Congress before joining the BJP. On the other hand, SP candidate Sanjay Singh (Congress rebel) will damage the Congress prospects," a Congress leader said.

Fresh exodus of Chin refugees from Myanmar to Mizoram; one killed

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

FILE PHOTO

A fresh exodus of Chin refugees from Myanmar into Mizoram started on Sunday evening amid a fierce gunfight between the Myanmar military and several ethnic armed groups in the conflict-hit country.

The violence on Sunday that left at least one person dead and many others injured broke out at Khawmawi in Myanmar. The place is close to Zokhawthar, a town in Mizoram's Champhai where Tiau, a small river that flows between the two places, is the international border.

Sources said the gunbattle erupted after armed groups Kuki Independent Army, Kuki National Army and Chinland Defence Force had overrun a Myanmar Army camp in a joint attack on Sunday evening.

Champhai deputy commissioner (district magistrate) James Lalrinchhana told this newspaper that an estimated 1,500 Myanmar nationals fled to Mizoram in the wake of the fresh violence from Khawmawi.

"There are injuries among people across the border. Sixteen injured people have fled to our side," Lalrinchhana said. Lalrinchhana said the refugees were sheltered in schools and community halls.

Locals claimed an injured person succumbed to his injuries. However, the deputy commissioner said no Myanmar refugee was hit by a bullet inside Mizoram while he had received reports that the fighting in Myanmar stopped on Monday.

"Usually, when things normalise, they go back. We hope the situation in Myanmar will improve soon," he further said.

The influx of the Chin refugees into Mizoram started in the early part of 2021 after the coup by the military in Myanmar. In the past two-and-a-half years, more than 37,000 refugees fled to Mizoram. They are now staying in different parts of the state including Aizawl.

Chins, Mizos, Kukis, Zomis, Hmars, and Kuki-Chins are ethnic cousins, belonging to the Zo community. Chins and Mizos near the border have their relatives on each other's side.

Maha rift: Ajit says Shinde biased in fund allocation

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA'S Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar is reportedly discontented with Chief Minister Eknath Shinde over a perceived reduction in his authority and a decrease in government fund allocations to his party.

Sources indicate that during a recent meeting with Union Minister Amit Shah in Delhi, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis conveyed his grievances against Shinde.

In response to these alleged issues, Ajit Pawar has purportedly skipped a couple of cabinet meetings, citing health reasons.

According to insider information, Shinde instructed Ajit not to conduct meetings for ministries allocated to other alliance parties. Additionally, a decision was made to route all finance-related files through Fadnavis for preliminary approval, with the final nod from Chief Minister Shinde. This represents a departure from Ajit Pawar's freedom in the previous Uddhav Thackeray government. A senior NCP leader from the Ajit Pawar faction,

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde (L) and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar | FILE PHOTO

speaking anonymously, expressed concerns about the diminishing stature of Ajit Pawar within the current government.

Another grievance raised is the alleged unequal distribution of government funds among the three coalition partners. NCP MLAs are said to be dissatisfied, claiming that the BJP and Shiv Sena, led by Shinde, receive more power and funds. A senior NCP leader, requesting anonymity, emphasized the need for the BJP's top leadership to address these disparities and uphold the promised equal distribution of power.

Congress MLA and Leader of Opposition Vijay Wadettiwar suggested that Ajit Pawar has a history of discontent when things don't align with his desires. Wadettiwar pointed out that in the Uddhav Thackeray government, Ajit Pawar operated as a de facto chief minister with significant autonomy. However, Chief Minister Shinde has allegedly curtailed his influence, leading to Pawar's current grievances.

Wadettiwar highlighted the irony in Ajit Pawar, now the finance minister, complaining about inadequate funds for his party's MLAs, considering that Shinde's faction had previously complained about the same issue during the Uddhav Thackeray government.

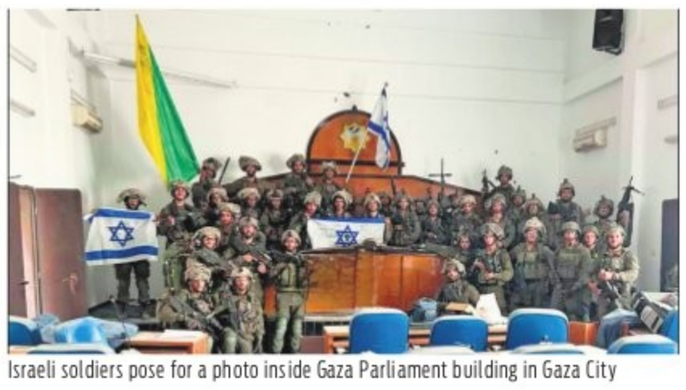
In response to the alleged tensions, Ajit Pawar has called for a meeting of his party's MLAs and ministers on November 21 to review the current political situation.

Recent events, like the Maratha reservation dispute, highlights the tension between the allies. A growing ego clash involves Sena veterans Gajanan Kirtikar and Ramdas Kadam, and the Pandharpur temple trust facing dilemma over which deputy chief minister (Phadnavis or Ajit Pawar) to invite for a ritual.

An unscheduled dash by Ajit Pawar to meet Amit Shah in New Delhi has set tongues wagging on whether Shah can resolve the power clash between Shinde and Ajit Pawar.

Israeli forces take control of Parliament building in Gaza City

Fighting reaches hospital that Israel says is Hamas' command centre



Israeli soldiers pose for a photo inside Gaza Parliament building in Gaza City

GAZA STRIP

ISRAELI Defence Minister Yoav Gallant on Monday said Hamas has "lost control" of the Gaza Strip it has ruled for 16 years. Soon after his comments, pictures began circulating on social media showing Israeli soldiers inside Gaza Parliament building in Gaza City, which they appeared to have seized. "Hamas has lost control of Gaza. Terrorists are fleeing southward. Civilians are looting Hamas bases," he said without providing evidence. "They don't have faith in the government anymore," Gallant added in a video broadcast on Israel's main television stations.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces and Palestinian militants battled outside the gates of Gaza's biggest hospital where hundreds of patients, including dozens of babies at risk of dying because of a lack of electricity, remained inside, health officials said Monday.

Witnesses reported intense overnight air strikes, with tanks and armoured vehicles just meters from the gate of the sprawling Al-Shifa compound at the heart of Gaza City, now an urban war zone.

The Hamas government's deputy health minister Youssef Abu Rish said the death toll inside Al-Shifa rose to 27 adult intensive care patients and seven babies since the weekend as the facility suffered fuel shortages. Gaza has been reliant on generators for over a month after Israel cut off power supplies following the October 7 attack and the besieged territory's only power plant ran out of fuel.

Abu Rish told AFP all hospitals were "out of service" in the territory's north, where black smoke rose from a bombed mosque and a rare person on the street carried a white flag. The military also said it had placed 300 litres of fuel near the hospital to help power its generators, but that Hamas militants had prevented staff from reaching it. The Health Ministry in Hamas-ruled Gaza disputed that, and said the fuel would have provided less than an hour of electricity. *Agencies*

EU condemns Hamas' alleged use of civilians as 'shields'

BRUSSELS

THE 27 European Union nations have jointly condemned Hamas for what they described as the use of hospitals and civilians as 'human shields' in the war. EU foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell said on Monday that at the same time the bloc asked Israel 'for maximum restraint and targeting in order to avoid human casualties'.

At a meeting of the bloc's foreign affairs ministers, Borrell brandished a statement he issued on behalf of the 27 nations as a show of unity following weeks of often contrasting statements on how the group should address the Israel-Hamas war. "You know how difficult it has been the last times, after the vote in the United Nations, where countries were voted in different ways, to present a completely united approach," Borrell said. Only hours after EU leaders professed unity over the Israel-Hamas war on October 28, the member states were totally split in a vote on a General Assembly resolution calling for humanitarian truces in Gaza.

Now, though, the EU nations said in a statement they join 'calls for immediate pauses in hostilities and the establishment of humanitarian corridors. *AFP*

WAR GAMES

China, Pak navies kick off largest maritime drills in Arabian Sea

BEIJING/KARACHI

THE navies of China and Pakistan have kicked off their largest naval exercises in the Arabian Sea which included their "first joint maritime patrol", the Chinese official media reported on Monday.

The China-Pakistan Sea Guardians-3 joint maritime exercise, with the theme of "Joint Response to Maritime Security Threats", kicked off at a naval base in Karachi, Pakistan, on November 11 in the waters and airspace of the northern Arabian Sea.

China and Pakistan will conduct their first joint maritime patrol, the China Military Online, the official news portal of the Chinese military, reported.

The two sides will also send observers to each other, while the Chinese observers will participate in the exercise with the Pakistani anti-submarine patrol aircraft, it said.

Exercises between the armed wings of all-weather allies China and Pakistan are an annual affair. This is the third edition of the exercises of both the allied navies which are for the first time conducting joint operations.

Spanning seven days from November 11 to 17 in the waters and airspace of the northern Arabian Sea, the exercise is divided into two phases, shore-based exchanges, and maritime joint operations, which include training courses on formation manoeuvring, VBSS (visit, board, search and seizure), helicopter cross-deck landing, joint search and rescue, and joint anti-submarine drills.

Participating troops from the Chinese PLA Navy consist of six vessels, including the guided-missile destroyer Zibo, guided-missile frigates Jingzhou and Linyi, and the comprehensive supply ship Qiandaohu, along with two shipborne helicopters and dozens of Marines. For the Pakistani side, nine vessels, including the PNS Shahjahan and Saif, three shipborne helicopters, four fighter jets, one fixed-wing anti-submarine patrol aircraft, and dozens of Marines are involved in the exercise, state-run *Global Times* reported. *PTI*

Schengen visa to go digital, no more consular appointments

BRUSSELS

People applying for visas to visit Europe's Schengen area will soon do so via an online platform, under a change adopted by EU foreign ministers on.

The shift towards digitalisation of the visa process will also do away with the need for applicants to get a sticker in their passport, meaning no more appointments at consulates or service providers' offices. The change, unveiled after a long legislative process, will take effect after technical work on the visa platform, expected to take months, then publication in the EU's administrative gazette.

Once it is in place, people applying for short stays in the Schengen area will upload documents, data and electronic copies of their travel documents with biometric information, and pay fees, all through an online platform. If approved after database cross-checks, they will receive a cryptographically signed barcode to print off or store in a device. But some first-time applicants or those with a new passport or changed biometric data may still need to attend an in-person appointment.

Some countries, such as Australia, already have similar systems in place, where the online visa is linked to a person's passport without the need for a sticker in it. *AFP*

IS fighter from infamous 'Beatles' torture-murder cell jailed in Britain

LONDON

A British Muslim convert who was allegedly part of the Islamic State group's notorious *Beatles* kidnap-and-murder cell was jailed for eight years for terrorist offences on Monday.

Aine Davis, 39, had last month admitted two charges of financing terrorism between 2013 and 2014 and one of possessing a firearm for a purpose connected to terrorism.

The *Beatles* group, so called because of the members' distinctive British accents, tortured and beheaded victims and released videos of the gruesome murders. Davis, who has always denied being connected with the cell, was arrested in Turkey in 2015 and sentenced in 2017 to seven-and-a-half years for membership of IS.

Aine Davis

He was released in July last year and deported from Turkey to Britain the next month. He was re-arrested when he arrived at Luton airport.

He has since been held at the high security Belmarsh prison in southeast London. Davis had been set to stand trial on the terror charges, after pleading not guilty in March, before changing his plea last month.

Active in Syria from 2012 to 2015, the "Beatles" group was allegedly involved in abducting more than two dozen journalists and relief workers from the US and at least 15 other countries.

El Shafee Elsheikh and Alexanda Amon Kotey received life sentences in the United States after being captured by a Kurdish militia in Syria in January 2018 and handed over to US forces in Iraq. Another member of the group, executioner Mohammed Emwazi, known as "Jihadi John", was killed by a US drone in Syria in November 2015. *AFP*

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Bank of Baroda
Marathahalli Main Branch
No.2, Arvind Avenue
Kundanahalli Gate-560 037
Mob.: 7019415727

POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ONLY)

Whereas,

1. The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with ***Rule 3*** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **01-09-2023** calling upon the Borrower **Mr. Jintesh Mangaleth J** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 4261161.47** (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Sixty One thousand One Hundred Sixty One and Paise Forty Seven Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under ***sub section (4) of Section 13*** of the said Act read with Rule ***8*** of the ***Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002*** on this **9th day of November of the year 2023**.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs. 4261161.47** (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Sixty One thousand One Hundred Sixty One and Paise Forty Seven Only) and interest thereon at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property Residential Flat No. 416, Third Floor, Measuring About 942 Sq. Ft. of Super Built Up area consisting of 1 Bed Room with RCC roofing, Tiled flooring, moulded doors and aluminium windows, having E Khatha No. 150200102701021069 with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, staircase, lift and other areas of common use contained in the residential apartment complex known as "PUSHPAM E TOWN", constructed on Non-Agricultural Residential land bearing Sy No. 164/3 and Sy No. 165/1 of S. Medahalli village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore belonging to Mr. Jintesh Mangaleth J: Bounded: On the North by : Flat No. 412, on the South by: Flat No. 420, On the East by: Open Space, On the West by : Flat No. 415.

(NITIN KUMAR, CHIEF MANAGER)
Authorised Officer
(BANK OF BARODA,
Marthahalli Main Branch, Bangalore)

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 09.11.2023

Central Bank of India

IISC Branch, Ground Floor, No. 726/25,
HMT Main Road, New M. S. Ramaiah Road, Bangalore - 560 054,
Mail : bmbang4503@centralbank.co.in, Ph : 080 23348585

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1) SARFAESI Rule

Whereas, the Authorised officer of the Central Bank of India, **IISC Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **30-08-2023** calling upon the borrower and guarantor: **Sri Mr. Gowri Shankar U.K.** S/o Mr. Uday Kumar, D. No. 6/7, Sai Sadana, 1st Main Road, Ramaiah Layout, Hoysala Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 016. **Co- Borrower: Mr. Anand R.** S/o. Mr. Ramaiah, D. No. 9, Skanda Vaibhava, Govindappa Road, Near Home Magic, RS Palya, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 033. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.72,81,340.00** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Only) **[Cent Mortgage Loan (A/c. No. 5219871475)]**as on 30.08.2023 along with subsequent interest at contracted rate borrowed through our IISC Branch within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to pay the entire dues of the bank, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on this **10.11.2023**

The borrower/s and the Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of Central Bank of India, for the amount of **Rs.72,81,340.00** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Only) as on 30.08.2023 and interest and charges thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the immovable property:

All that part and parcel of property in the name of Mr. Gowrishankar S/o. Uday Kumar bearing No. 31/12, having BBMP Khatha Sl. No. 713/573/31/12, New Katha No. 716/573/31/12-1, sitauted at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore coming under BBMP ward No. 24, mesuring East to West 32.5 feet and North to South 48 feets and adjoining portion of land measuring East to West 19 feets and North to South 6 feets measuring in all 1674 squae feet together with house constructed thereon and bounded on : East by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 31/12 and Road, West by : Property of Jain Heights, North by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 31/12, South by : Private Porperty.

Date : 10.11.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- **Authorised Officer/Chief Manager**
Central Bank of India

Canara Bank

Doddaballapur Branch
Gandhinagar, Doddaballapur Tq
Bengaluru Rural 561203, Mob: 9483540664
E-mail:cb0664@canarabank.com

Possession Notice

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **18-08-2023** calling upon the borrowers **Mr Nagesh S P** S/o Prakash S N and guarantor **Sri Krishnesha S P** S/o Prakash S N to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs. 7,99,432.51 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Ninety nine Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty two and Fifty one Paisa Only)** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **09th Day of November 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank, Sambalpur II Branch for an amount of **Rs. 7,99,432.51** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Ninety nine Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty two and Fifty one Paisa Only) as on 18-08-2023 plus interest and other expenses thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

EMT of all the part and parcel of the Property No. 1526/1, CMC PID No: 13-4-544-78C, Municipal Assessment No:1344/1526/1/1526/1 situated at Venkataswamy Temple behind, Terinabeedi Road, 8th Division, Doddaballapur Town, Bengaluru rural Dist, measuring East to West 102 ft and North to South 12 ft Total measuring 1224 sq ft.

Boundaries:- North: Site No: 5 Sri S P Krishnesha & Smt Vinutha Property & PID No: 13-4-544-78B, **South**:Veerabadrana Paly village in Sy no: 28 Sri M O Rajeshwari & Sri A L Nagalakshmi, Property & PID No:13-4-544-97, **East:** Road and Survey no:69 Prasanna Venkataramana swamy property, **West** :Sy no: 68/1 Sri R C Srinivas, Sri B R Chandra shekaraiah property & PID No. 13-4-544-74.

Place : Doddaballapur
Date : 09.11.2023

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. P. Prakash Babu S/o. Mr. Balasubramaniam, aged about 42 years has represented that he has lost Original Sale Deed dated 25.11.2016 Doc. No. 6611 of site No. 16 and Sale Deed dated 25.11.2016 Doc. No. 6613 of site No. 17 both situated at Brindavan Garden, Bidaragere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore both registered at the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi (Chamarajapete) Bangalore.

An online complaint to Police Unit: Bengaluru City has been filed on 11th November 2023 on swearing to an Affidavit.

If the said Sale Deeds are found by anyone, the same may be handed over to me at the Address mentioned hereunder.

Sd/- **B. B. Umadevi,** Advocate,
No. 715, 1st 'C' Main, 8th Block,
Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 070.
Mob. 9343281627 Date: 13-11-2023

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT BENGALURU.
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560 001.
Original Application No. 710/2020

Punjab National Bank, Large Corporate Branch, Bengaluru.
...Applicant.

Versus

1) M/s. Pincon Spirit Limited,
2) Shri. Monoranjan Roy,
3) Shri. Arup Thakur,
4) Shri. Subrata Basu,
5) M/s. Gomukh Commercial Private Limited.
6) M/s. Priya Laboratories Private Limited,
7) M/s. Yours Laboratories Private Limited,
8) State Bank of India,
9) Bank of India,
10) Union Bank of India (Earlier Andhra Bank),
11) Bank of Baroda (earlier Vijaya Bank)
12) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited,
13) DBS Bank India Ltd., (earlier Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited)
14) Union Bank of India (earlier Corporation Bank)
15) HDFC Bank Limited,
16) IDBI Bank Limited,
17) UCO Bank,
18) Axis Trustee Services Limited.
...Defendents

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION.

To:

D-1) M/s. PINCON SPIRIT LIMITED, (In Liquidation) a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at 3rd Floor, Wellesley House, No.7, Red Cross Place, Kolkata - 700 001 and Corporate Office No.103, 3rd Floor, Samakruthi Chambers, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027, now represented herein by the Resolution Professional appointed by National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata Bench, Kolkata, State of West Bengal.

D-2) Shri. Monoranjan Roy, Major, S/o. Shri. Kalachand Roy, Residing at No. 2/233/B3, Sree Colony, Jadhavpur, Kolkata, State of West Bengal.

D-3) Shri. Arup Thakur, Major, S/o Late Mahitosh Thakur, Resident of No. 3201, Nayabad, Top Floor, Kolkata - 700 099.

D-4) Shri. Subrata Basu, Major, S/o Late Prabir Kumar Basu, Resident of No. 42D, Baldev Para, Manicktola, Kolkata - 700 006.

D-5) M/s. Gomukh Commercial Private Limited, a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered office at 3rd Floor, No. 3 Dacres Lane, Kolkata - 700 069.

D-6) M/s. Priya Laboratories Private Limited, a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered office at Wellesley House No. 7, Red Cross Place, Kolkata - 700 001.

D-7) M/s. Yours Laboratories Private Limited, a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at No. 28T, Ramakrishna Samadhi Road, Kolkata - 700 054.

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against Defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 11,70,61,516-00 Ps., as mentioned in the Original Application (O.A.) together with current and future interest and for other reliefs. You are hereby requested to show cause within 30 days of the publication of summons/notice or on **19-12-2023 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this **09th Day of November, 2023.**

Sd/-
By order of Tribunal
Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2, Bengaluru-560001.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office:- The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as Non-performing Asset, whereas Jana Small Finance Bank Limited being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand notice calling upon the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount due in Rs./as on
1	1) **M/s. S.B.Concrete Blocks** Represented By Its Proprietor **Mr. Manjunath V, 2) Mr. Manjunath V,** Proprietor of **M/s. S.B.Concrete Blocks,** Also at: **M/s. S.B Concrete Blocks. 3) Mrs. Shilpa B.K**	Loan Account No. 45348640000061 45349660001735 Loan Amount:- Rs.35,00,000/- Rs. 6,50,000/-	**MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:-** All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing Site No. 144, Portion of Property No. 19/1, Katha No. 19/1/144, situated at Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now presently comes under BBMP Limits, measuring East to West: 51 ½ feet and North to South: 44-0 feet, in all 2266 Sq. Feet, along with 14 square Mangalore Tiles Roofing, Rex Oxide Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and windows with civic amenities thereon and **Bounded as follows:- East by:** Property belongs to Chikkasiddappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property belongs to K.Venkataraju, **South by:** Road.	Date of NPA: 01-11-2023 Demand Notice Date: 11-11-2023	**Rs. 35,44,812.25 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Forty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and Twenty Five Paisa Only)** due as on 08-11-2023
2	1) **M/s. Renuka Medicals Prop: Srinivasa P,** 2) **Mr. Srinivasa Pproprietor of M/s. Renuka Medicals** Also at: **M/s. Renuka Medicals, 3) Mrs. Lalitha Lakshmi C R**	Loan Account No. 45348640001982 Loan Amount :- Rs. 30,00,000/-	**MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:-** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.685/26/1, earlier Bommanhalli CMC Katha No.361, now Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha 457/361/685/26/1, earlier under the jurisdiction of Agara Gramathana Bommanahalii Municipality Katha No.361, Situated at Agara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded as follows on: East by:** House belonging to Thimmarayappa, **West by:** Shetty Building, **North by:** Road& **South by:** House belonging to Muninanjappa. Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 20 Feet, Totally measuring 600 Sq.ft.	Date of NPA: 01-11-2023 Demand Notice Date: 11-11-2023	**Rs.37,18,717/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen Only)** due as on 08-11-2023
3	1) **Mrs. Manjula L, W/o Nagaraj,** Prop of **M/s. Venkateshwara Hotel,** Also at: **M/s. Venkateshwara Hotel, 2) Mr. Nagaraju P**	Loan Account No. 33649440000049 33649670000036 Loan Amount :- Rs.8,00,000/- Rs.1,44,705/-	**MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** All that Piece and Parcel of Southern portion of the site bearing No. 76/16, New Khatha No.76/23, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West 33.9 feet North to South 23.5 feet and **Bounded on the: East by:** Property belonging to Sri. Rangappa, **West by:** Property belonging to Sri. Honappa, **North by:** Remaining portion of the same site No. been allotted in favour of Nagaraj, Prakash and Passage & **South by:** Private Property.	Date of NPA: 01-11-2023 Demand Notice Date: 11-11-2023	**Rs.8,15,410.16 (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Ten and Sixteen Paisa Only)** due as on 08-11-2023
4	1) **Mr. Syed Sadiq S,** Also at:- **M/s. Sadath Plying Machine 2) Mrs. Shabreen Fathima**	Loan Account No. 45359430000951 Loan Amount :- Rs.19,70,988/-	**MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:-** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing TMC Khatha No. 2064/1421, Situated at Jabbar Sab Street, Maseedi Road, 3rd Ward, Kanakpura Town and **Bounded by the: East by:** House of Sri. Salar Sab, **West by:** House of Sri. Ibrahim Sab, **North by:** TMC Road & **South by:** House of Sri Ameerju.	Date of NPA: 01-11-2023 Demand Notice Date: 10-11-2023	**Rs.20,34,759.90 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine and Ninety Paisa Only)** due as on 08-11-2023

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/Co-Borrower within 60 days of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to Jana Small Finance Bank Limited against the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 14-11-2023, Place: Bangalore — **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI. PHONE : 08472 -220196 midnglb@rediffmail.com.

IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-5/2023-24/ 2140 DATED : 10-11-2023

-: TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-3&4) :-

1) Detail of work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR THE WORK UNDER 4702 L.I.S. FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 & PMKSY FOR THE YEAR 2022-23, 2) Amount of Estimate : **Max. Rs. 1084,73,813.30, Min. Rs. 50,24,794.10**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-3 & Above – CLASS-I, 4) Details of Tender application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee As per e-portal E.M.D. **Max. Rs. 15,00,000.00 Min . Rs. 50,250.00,** 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : **29-11-2023 Upto 11.00 Hours**, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: **01-12-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **02-12-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **04-12-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 9) Addl. information: Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal : **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development, Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/461/KSMC&A/2023-24

Market Watch

MARKET				GOLD				SILVER				FOREX		
325.58	▼ Sensex	64,933.87		₹100	▼ 24 carat (10 gm)	₹60,640		₹600	▼ 1 kg	₹72,400		▲ Dollar	83.28	
82.00	▼ Nifty	19,443.55		₹90	▼ 22 carat (10 gm)	₹55,600		₹6	▼ 10 gm	₹724		▲ Euro	88.86	

Retail inflation at 4.87% in October

Food inflation rate sees mixed trend, oil and fat prices fall 14%, pulse prices rise 19%

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

RETAIL inflation reached a four-month low of 4.87% in October, primarily driven by a decrease in core and fuel inflation, as per the government data.

In September, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation had dropped to a three-month low of 5.02%. The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) projected inflation at 5.4% for fiscal year 2023-24, down from 6.7% in the last fiscal. Overall food inflation remained unchanged despite underlying mixed trend. A base that turns adverse (inflation had seen a drop in the year-ago period) will somewhat restrict the downside to inflation for two months.

Food inflation rate exhibited a mixed trend, with oil and fat prices seeing a fall of 14%, while pulse prices saw a rise of 19%. Cereal prices continue to show double-digit inflation with an 11% year-on-year (YoY) growth. Vegetable prices, which usually cause sharp change in retail inflation, remained stable with 2.7% rise YoY. Though month-on-month, vegetable prices rose 3.38%. Fuel and lights inflation fell 0.4% YoY. As per Gaura Sen Gupta, India Economist at IDFC First Bank, CPI moderation led by Core and base-effects. "The moderation was led by core inflation excluding tobacco which reduced to 4.3% in October from 4.6% in September. Food and beverages inflation remained elevated at 6.2% YoY in October v/s 6.3% YoY in September, led by cereals, spices and pulses. Broad-based pressure within food and beverages persists with 50% of food and beverages subcomponents by weight, seeing 6% or higher inflation in October," said Gaura Sengupta.

Dharmakirti Joshi, Chief Economist, CRISIL, said the fall in core inflation was broad-based, indicating lower input cost pressures on producers and hence, on retail prices. For the December quarter, Joshi expects some softening in food inflation with the kharif harvest entering the market, aided by government intervention," said on the inflation numbers.

"Oil prices remain an unknown, which could play spoilsport if the Middle East conflict escalates. We expect RBI to remain vigilant since headline inflation remains above the MPC's 4% target and risks to food and fuel persist. Our base case for this fiscal is average inflation of 5.5% and the MPC maintaining the policy rate and stance," Joshi further stated.

BSNL's ₹1,000 cr telecom gear order may go to HFCL

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

TELECOM gear maker HFCL is likely to get telecom equipment order worth ₹1,000 crore from state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

The contract is meant for supplying and deploying optical transport network (OTN) equipment to the company. According to top officials of BSNL, the company is most likely to get the purchase order as it quoted the lowest price.

"First of all I would like to inform you that the company always follows the government guidelines for the tender process.. in this process L1 company was HFCL and L2 company was Tejas. However, I won't say the award will go to HFCL right now as it is still under process," said the official.

The telco has been procuring indigenous telecom gear for its networks. The telco is procuring indigenous devices for its 4G services too. It has placed an order worth ₹19,000 crore with the TCS consortium and ITI for deploying 100,000 4G tower sites across the country.

However, there was a report that BSNL is set to outsource its equipment from Nokia. The official refuted these claims, and said it is following DPIT guidelines for the tenders.

"Let me clarify one thing BSNL has not purchased or placed any order from Nokia. We have issued a tender, and many companies including HFCL and Tejas participated in it. As per the guidelines in this tender process, the price quotations difference between L1 and L2 companies is over 20%, and in this scenario, as per the rules, the tender should ideally be awarded to the L1 company.

The report of BSNL using Nokia products for its networks had irked homegrown telecom gear makers. A Delhi-based domestic industry group has also written to telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw seeking his intervention.

As per their complaint, state-owned Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) for core, Bengaluru-based UTL participated in the bidding process, but was declined on the basis of awaited 'trusted source' approval and the absence of bank guarantee (BG). C-DoT is a part of the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)-backed consortium, and is currently supplying core equipment to BSNL for 4G deployment.

HFCL quoted lowest price for supplying equipment

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After strong Muhurat trading session, market witnesses selling pressure

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER a robust start to Samvat 2080 during which the market registered logged noticeable gain in the one-hour Muhurat Trading session, domestic markets witnessed selling pressure on Monday with the benchmark indices falling about half a percentage each.

The BSE Sensex closed 325.58 points, or 0.50%, lower on Monday at 64,933.87, while the NSE Nifty 50 fell 82 points, or 0.42%, to shut shop at 19,443.55. Broader market indices - small-cap and mid-cap indexes - also fell on Monday. The Sensex and the Nifty had gained up to 0.55 % during the Mahurat trading session on Sunday on all-round buying. Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services, said that post-Diwali, Indian equities continued consolidation amid global uncertainty.

"The sharp deceleration in IIP growth, from 10.3% in August to 5.8% in September, and weakening Manufacturing PMI reflects global trends driven by rising interest rates and inflation. The Indian Rupee's weakness keeps FIIs cautious," added Nair. Among sectoral indices, Nifty Metal and Nifty PSU Bank were the only two gainers. Nifty Bank, Nifty Financial Services and Nifty IT fell the most on Monday.

Among stocks, Coal India jumped more than 4% and Eicher Motors 2% after a strong Q2 earning report. Shares of SBI Life, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Life and Tech Mahindra were the biggest laggards.

Meanwhile, India's $3.7 trillion stock market may see a disruption in 2024 due to the upcoming general elections, said Morgan Stanley in a report. The global financial agency expects the local stocks to rise leading to the vote in keeping with recent history but an outcome outside of investors' expectations could lead to up to 30% correction in benchmark indices. A "credible seat-sharing arrangement" within the opposition alliance led by Indian National Congress, called I.N.D.I.A, will "polarizes the general elections and reduce the predictability of the outcome in May," said analysts at Morgan Stanley.

Diwali season retail sales might have hit new high

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

OWING to robust buying across different segments, retails sales during the Diwali festive season is likely to have hit a new high in 2023. Early estimates by trade associations have predicted the numbers as high as ₹3.75 lakh crore.

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) on Monday said the retail markets of the country registered a record trade of ₹3.75 lakh crore. Still festivals of Goverdhan Pooja, Bhaiya Dooj, Chhath Pooja and Tulsi Vivah are yet to be solemnised which may attract another trade of ₹50 thousand crores, the association noted.

CAIT National President B C Bhartia and Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal in a joint statement said the festival trade of Rs 3.75 lakh crore comprised spending of about 13% in food and grocery, 9% in jewellery, 12% in textiles and garments, 4% in dry fruits, sweets and Namkeen, 3% Home Decor, 6% Cosmetics, 8% Electronics & Mobiles, 3% Pooja Samagri & Puja Items, 3% Utensils & Kitchen Appliances, 2% Confectionery & Bakery, 8% Gift Items, 4% Furnishing & Furniture. Remaining 20% was spent by customers on automobiles, hardware, electrical, toys and many other goods and services. They said that the packing sector also got big business on Diwali.

The two added that Chinese goods lost a trade of worth more than 1 lakh crore as most goods sold this year were made in India. In previous years, Chinese products were occupying nearly 70% market of Diwali festivals, according to CAIT.

President of India SME Forum Vinod Kumar said that initial reports they are getting from the market is phenomenal. "This is likely to be our best ever Dhanteras Diwali season ever with total retail sales likely to have surpassed the ₹1 lakh crore mark," said Kumar.

He noted that every segment-from jewellery to clothes- witnessed robust buying this year. "This is the first year after the covid-19 pandemic when markets are fully operational. The retailers too had stacked up inventory," said Kumar.

K Giri DG Empower India said that the festive sales seems to have provided an impetus to Indian economy. "By our estimates MSMEs are vying for 90000 crore pie. The network of established players like Amazon and Flipkart has played a big role for small sellers," added Giri.

GeM achieves ₹2 lakh crore GMV this fiscal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has surpassed ₹2 lakh crore in gross merchandise value (GMV) in less than eight months of the current fiscal year, surpassing the total GMV recorded at the end of the previous fiscal year ending Mar 31, 2023, it said Monday.

GeM, an online platform that facilitates government procurement, also witnessed an increase in the average GMV per day, reaching over ₹850 crore per day during the current financial year.

The substantial role played by the central entities, including central public sector enterprises (CPSEs), has been outstanding, contributing to an overwhelming 83% of the total GMV, said the government. The participation of state governments constitutes the remaining 17%. State governments such as Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Bihar, Assam, and Uttarakhand have placed significant procurement orders.

"GeM's expansion into the services sector has played a pivotal role in driving its accelerated adoption. The increase in order value in the services segment has been the brightest chapter in GeM's success story with exponential growth over the last three years," the release said. The services segment has experienced exponential growth in the last three years.

EXPRESS READ

Indian Overseas Bank raises base rate by 35 bps

NEW DELHI: Indian Overseas Bank (IoB) on Monday raised its base rate by 35 bps to 9.45%. The Chennai-based bank had earlier raised the base rate 9.10% from June 15, 2023. The bank, which recently announced its Q2 results, said in an investor presentation that its yield on advances had gone up by 26 bps to 8.78% in the September quarter. Its deposit costs had inched up to 4.69% in the quarter as against 4.38% in the quarter. The bank posted a 25% growth in its net profit to ₹625 crore in Q2FY24. *ENS*

Gautam Singhania, wife Nawaz part ways

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

A DAY after Diwali festival, Gautam Singhania, the billionaire Chairman of Raymond Group, on Monday announced that he and his wife of 32 years, Nawaz Modi Singhania, had parted ways.

Singhania's separation from his wife comes after a video surfaced in which Nawaz is seen saying that she was stopped from attending her husband's Diwali party on Sunday. Nawaz alleges that she was given an invitation to the Diwali party hosted by her husband at JK Gram (Singhania's Property) in Thane but was stopped at the gate for hours.

Singhania, 58, had married Nawaz, daughter of solicitor Nadar Modi, in 1999.

"This Diwali is not going to be the same as many in the past," Singhania said in social media posts. "It is my belief that Nawaz and I will pursue different paths from here on."

"32 years of being together as a couple, growing as parents and always being a strength of each other... we traversed with commitment, resolve, faith as along came the two most beautiful additions in our lives," he said. He, however, did not give details of the separation and custody of their two children.

As I reflect over the unfortunate developments in the recent past, there has been a lot of unsubstantiated rumour mongering, and gossip surrounding our lives fanned by 'not so well wishers'," he wrote.

Biocon gets MHRA nod for biosimilar drug

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BIOCON BIOLOGICS, a subsidiary of Biocon, on Monday announced that MHRA, Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency in the UK, has granted marketing authorisation for YESAFILI, a biosimilar of Aflibercept.

YESAFILI, an ophthalmology product, is intended for the treatment of neovascular age-related macular degeneration, visual impairment due to diabetic macular oedema (DME) and visual impairment due to myopic choroidal neovascularisation (myopic CNV). "We are pleased to receive MHRA approval for YESAFILI, biosimilar Aflibercept, which will enable us to address the needs of patients impacted by macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy, in the UK. This approval will expand our biosimilar offerings across the globe," a spokesperson from the company said.

Sharechat co-founders launch robotics start-up

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

SHARECHAT co-founders Farid Ahsan and Bhanu Singh have launched their new robotics start-up General Autonomy, and have raised $3 million in seed funding.

The two founders left Sharechat earlier this year, and this announcement comes at a time when start-ups are struggling to raise funds. Venture capital firms India Quotient and Elevation Capital have led the round with participation from other prominent angel investors.

"Join us on this thrilling journey as we build AI driven machines to automate the toughest parts of labour workflows in factories," Ahsan announced the new start-up plans on X. "We LOVE robots! Especially industrial ones—they help us "make" things! With a vision to make mass manufacturing agile and distributed like software development, we're in Bengaluru but working globally," he added.

Join us on this thrilling journey as we build AI driven machines to automate the toughest parts of labour workflows in factories

Farid Ahsan, co-founder, General Autonomy and Sharechat

According to a report by Tracxn, there are 57 Industrial Robotics start-ups in India which include CynLr, Pari Robotics, Systemantics, Qualitas Technologies and DreamVu.

In 2023, the projected revenue in the Robotics market for India is expected to reach $810.50 million, according to Statista. The dominant segment in this market is Service robotics, which is projected to have a market volume of $582.20 million in 2023. The report added that India's robotics market is experiencing rapid growth, driven by increasing demand for automation in industries such as manufacturing and healthcare.

ABD expands distillary capacity to 65 mn litres

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

ALLIED Blenders and Distillers Limited (ABD) expands the capacity of its distillery in Rangapur, Telangana from 55 million litres to 65 million litres.

This has been carried out through internal accruals, the company said. Its Rangapur unit makes extra-neutral alcohol (ENA), the key raw material used in manufacturing alcohol beverage products. The facility is spread over 74.95 acres with a built-up area of over 25,000 sq. metres. Alok Gupta, MD of ABD, said, the expansion has been done in a sustainable and environment-friendly manner. With water recycling and installation of a water treatment plant, the distillery has been able to cut water consumption by 20% over last year, he said in a statement. It has also invested in alternate biomass fuel handling system to increase the use of renewable energy source fuel at the distillery..

India soon to become home to 2,000 global capability centres

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE country is witnessing a huge growth in global capability centres (GCCs).

Various reports project India will soon become home to 2,000 GCCs. Currently, there are over 1,500 GCCs in India, employing over 1.3 million people, which is about 25% of the direct employment generated by the country's IT sector.

From Blackberry to Truecaller, Berry Global and Lloyds Banking Group, many companies have set up their GCCs in India. A few months ago, home services company Neighborly, which opened its GCC in Bengaluru, said the centre will be a strategic facility to access the country's digital talent pool to help drive future growth.

While Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, and Delhi NCR remain popular sites for GCC establishments in India, tier-II cities are also grabbing the interest of GCC leaders, according to the 2023 EY GCC Pulse Survey.

Sachin Alug, CEO, NLB Services, said, "With a projection of nearly 2000 GCCs in the next few years, the 1510 strong GCC market in India is poised for unforeseen growth." NLB Services' report on GCCs titled 'India Captivating' found that nearly 78% of the existing GCCs have set up operations in India to create a superior talent pool. Besides contributing to their parent firms, GCCs in India have been known to build a larger impact over time.

"This entails a track record of training over 200,000 professionals in emerging technologies since the year 2015. To drive innovation, they have collectively invested $10 million annually for R&D in collaboration with academic institutions. As the GCC market grows in size, we expect it to unleash a plethora of opportunities for the talent and corporate landscape of India inevitably in the coming years," Alug said.

Deloitte study said GCCs contribute $5.4–5.6 billion or ₹40,000-42,000 crore in taxes, of which about $4 billion or Rs 30,000 personal income tax contribution is 5.5% of the personal income tax collection by India for the financial year 2019-2020. About 83% of the new GCCs established in India in H1CY2023 encompass all three functional areas – engineering research & development (ER&D), information technology (IT), and business process management (BPM), says Zinnov-Nasscom India's GCC Trends report.

Tucker, Illingworth to officiate in India-NZ tie

DUBAI: Rod Tucker and Richard Illingworth will be the on-field umpires in the first World Cup semifinal between India and New Zealand while Nitin Menon and Richard Kettleborough will officiate in the second last-four stage match between Australia and South Africa. The first semifinal will be played in Mumbai on November 15 and second in Kolkata on November 16.

It is exciting for us to play against the host nation in the semifinal. We know they are going to be a threat, but we are looking forward to that challenge.

— Devon Conway, NZ batter

(Left) Australia's Marnus Labuschagne (L) & Glenn Maxwell during a practice session in Kolkata on Monday; New Zealand players enjoy a light moment at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai | BIBHASH LODH/SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

KUL-HEADED OPERATOR

Wrist spinner Kuldeep's ability to take crucial wickets and adapt when the going gets tough have made him a vital cog for India

GOMESH S @ Mumbai

AT the start of the World Cup, if anyone had said that spinners would thrive in the tournament because of the conditions that are expected to be on offer in India, it would have been seen as a logical assessment. What has happened, however, is something else. While Australia leg-spinner Adam Zampa leads the charts with 22 wickets, seven of the next nine names on the list are pacers.

For India, after Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Ravindra Jadeja, comes Kuldeep Yadav — 13th on the overall list of wicket-takers. His numbers — 9 games, 14 wickets, 22.28 average, 4.15 economy — might not read as ridiculous as those of Bumrah (17 wickets at an average of 15.64) or Shami (16 wickets, ave 9.56) or even Jadeja (16 wickets, ave 18.25). But what Kuldeep has done in this World Cup for India is far more significant.

One look at a few of his victims — David Warner, Steve Smith, Glenn Maxwell, Hashmatullah Shahidi, Iftikhar Ahmed, Tanzid Tamim, and Jos Buttler — sums it up. Most of them were set batters, taking the momentum away from India or those who could have changed the fortunes of the respective teams in a short span of time. Kuldeep has been the partnership breaker of sorts while also doubling down on impact when a new batter walks in.

Numbers and impact apart, what has been the most impressive trait of Kuldeep this World Cup is the way he has held himself even when things were not going his way. The last time India played New Zealand, Daryl Mitchell made it a point to take on Kuldeep and hit him into the stands. Unfazed by the counter-attack, Kuldeep adapted to the situation and came back stronger in his last spell of that game.

Ask him how he has managed to do that, Kuldeep keeps it simple without giving much away. "Sometimes the batter can get over, but you have to change your tactics quickly and that is what I did in Dharamsala. I thought the wicket was pretty flat there, with no spin and small ground, always better for the batter to go straight. Sometimes you have to change the line and length to make them guessing and that is what I did," he said after the game against Netherlands in Bengaluru.

In hindsight, as you hear it from an elite athlete, it might look easy. However, it isn't. Not even for Kuldeep. In the past, he has struggled to hold his nerves when the batters successfully took him on. He wasn't as confident as he is now, often losing the plot and leaking more runs. It led to a phase in which he was not a regular in the playing XI. The injuries didn't help either. It all started to change when Rohit Sharma took over. Shortly after he became full-time captain, Sharma threw his weight behind Kuldeep and reiterated that the wrist-spinner is going to be a vital cog in the side going forward.

As he was selected and given opportunities consistently, the difference started to show. That he has taken 47 wickets in 25 innings at 17.89 average and 4.49 economy in 2023 is a testament to that. India bowling coach Paras Mhambrey credited the spinner for putting in all the work. "As a bowler, you got to have the self-realisation, the areas I need to work on and I think that conversations we had with him and we have been having them for a long time now. He has worked on it and made the technical changes and you could see that in his bowling," Mhambrey had said recently.

The on-field confidence from Kuldeep's performances is now reflecting in his off-field conversations as well. As India finished their league stage with nine wins in as many games, the wrist-spinner, while being aware of the challenges of bowling to New Zealand at the Wankhede, was confident of the challenge that lies ahead for him and the team as they take on the side that knocked them out of the last World Cup. "We have played a lot of bilateral series after that, so we know the conditions (in India) and so do they. Our preparation has been good, and we have been able to play good cricket throughout the tournament. So, we expect to continue in the same vein in the next match as well," said Kuldeep.

As for his plans, the spinner stuck to the similar things he had spoken about while admitting that early wickets will be crucial in what has been a batting paradise in this World Cup. On Thursday, whether India come out on the right side of the result or not, one thing is for sure. Kuldeep and the Men in Blue know what they need to do and they are ready for it.

Top 5 Run-scorers

Names	Runs	Average
Virat Kohli (IND)	594	99.00
Quinton de Kock (SA)	591	65.66
Rachin Ravindra (NZ)	565	70.62
Rohit Sharma (IND)	503	55.88
David Warner (AUS)	499	55.44

WC highlights so far...

After 45 group matches, the marquee event is entering the knockouts. Here are some of the highlights from the group stage...

SHAMI STARS AT WANKHEDE (VS SRI LANKA 5/18)

Mohammed Shami, as the first-change bowler, upped the ante against Sri Lanka. Defending 357, Shami took two wickets in his first over. He bowled only four more overs and took three wickets while giving away just 15 runs.

KOHLI EQUALS TENDULKAR (VS SOUTH AFRICA 101 N.O)

On his 35th birthday, in front of the packed Eden Gardens crowd, Virat Kohli equaled his childhood hero Sachin Tendulkar's record of most centuries in the ODI format against South African by scoring his 49th ODI ton off 121 balls.

MAXWELL-MANIA IN MUMBAI (VS AFGHANISTAN 201 N.O)

At 91 for seven, while chasing down 291, Glenn Maxwell survived a hat-trick ball, battled cramps and back spasms to hit the double century off 128 balls that included 21 fours and 10 sixes as Australia booked semifinal spot.

Top 5 Wicket-takers

Names	Wickets	Average
Adam Zampa (AUS)	22	18.90
Dilshan Madushanka (SL)	21	25.00
Gerald Coetzee (SA)	18	19.38
Shaheen Shah Afridi (PAK)	18	26.72
Jasprit Bumrah (IND)	17	15.64

India's fortitude in the middle-order

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

AT the 2019 World Cup, India's middle-order was involved in constant musical chairs. Out of the eight matches where Nos. 4, 5 and 6 came out to bat, only once was the same sequence repeated. After the trio of Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya and MS Dhoni came out to bat in that order against England, the team management held the status quo for the game against Bangladesh. In all the other games, there was a sort of unwritten randomness.

For example, Vijay Shankar was the No. 6 versus Pakistan. In the very next game against the West Indies, he walked out at No. 4. After beginning the event with MS Dhoni as the de facto No. 5, he was shunted to No. 6 against West Indies and Bangladesh. For the New Zealand clash, he was outside the top six. KL Rahul came out at No. 4 against South Africa in the opening match. He was No. 6 a few days later when Australia came calling. In the third game, the clash with Pakistan, he was the opener. In all, there were six different combinations in eight matches. One could say there was a certain role clarity that was missing.

One of the biggest changes between the event in 2019 and the ongoing one in India is the sort of clarity that's visible. That's most tangible in the middle-order. Irrespective of whatever happens in terms of the match situation, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul and Suryakumar Yadav (Hardik Pandya before him) are Nos. 4, 5 and 6. Coach Rahul Dravid was asked about their contributions before the Netherlands game. "It's been terrific," he said. "Middle-orders are going to be very, very important in a tournament like this. How well your middle order performs in sometimes very tricky conditions and challenging situations under pressure, is actually going to probably decide how well you do."

DID YOU KNOW?

WORLD CUP TRIVIA

Jasprit Bumrah became the first Indian to take a wicket on the first ball of an inning (vs Sri Lanka) in World Cup.

While Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have scored the bulk of the runs, Iyer, Rahul and, in the last few weeks, both Suryakumar and Ravindra Jadeja have chipped in with big runs. In fact, Iyer, with 421 runs, is the eighth leading run-scorer at the event. Rahul, with 347 runs, is 18th in the list. Suryakumar hasn't had much of a hit but his 49 against England helped them set a target in excess of 225. His late thrust against South Africa (22 off 14) was also pivotal as it gave the innings the desired finish.

"I think our middle orders (have) played very critical roles," Dravid continued. "Sometimes you can't judge them by sheer numbers. It's obvious that when you look at a leaderboard of scores and runs, it'll always be someone in the top three. I mean, it's pretty obvious. You look at that whole board and It's all filled with guys from any country who are in the top three. So that only gives you one half of the picture, but it's actually some of those 30s, 40s, critical knocks."

Apart from Rahul's 100 against Netherlands, his match-winning, unbeaten 97 against Australia set India on their way. He closed out the game against Bangladesh in the company of Kohli, apart from making crucial runs against England. What Rahul also offers is a comfort blanket. If India loses early wickets, he can ride out the storm, and play the situation before accelerating towards the end. He can also walk in at 250/3 where there is a need to move the game along from the off. A one-man Swiss Army knife. What makes Iyer a worthwhile option at No. 4 — sandwiching Kohli and Rahul — are the gears that he has as soon as he comes in. He is a classic counterpuncher who will look to take the game head on irrespective of the situation. In that sense, it's a vital skill-set to have in this line-up. "He brings temperament," Dravid said. "So, when someone like him does well, you know he's going to make big contributions. It may not always work out, but when it does, you know someone like him is going to make a big play."

He has made that big play over the last few weeks.

In a way, the narrative around India's middle-order has flipped upside down. When the Black Caps ambushed the Men In Blue in 2019, they collapsed like a pack of cards. Now, it's made of reinforced steel.

The likes of Shreyas Iyer (L) and KL Rahul both appear to be coming into form at the right time following their centuries against Netherlands | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Childhood coach Aswalkar looks up to SKY for more

GOMESH S @ Mumbai

ON Thursday, Suryakumar Yadav will be walking on to the field at the Wankhede, his home ground, to take on New Zealand in a World Cup semifinal match. A few kilometres, Suryakumar's childhood coach Ashok Aswalkar will be watching his ward on the television swelling with pride. It is not something new.

In fact, Aswalkar hasn't watched Suryakumar — someone he groomed from his earliest days in Chembur — performing at an international game from the stands at any venue. It is not that he can not manage to enter a stadium but he has made a conscious decision to sit in front of a TV set. "I don't like watching from stadium," Aswalkar laughs, adding, "As a coach, I listen to experts and keep an eye on the bowling, fielding and of course, the analyse."

Every time Suryakumar is on TV, playing for India, the coach will have watch every move of his ward on television minutely. And he enjoys doing so. Whenever Suryakumar makes a mistake or plays a bad shot, he would immediately drop a WhatsApp message. Aswalkar knows that at the highest level there is very little left for him to teach. "All you have to do is adapt and he is very smart. If he plays a bad shot, I will immediately send him a message. And he replies after he sees in the night. Whatever things I tell him, he picks it up quickly and understands it. Next game, you can see the difference," says Aswalkar. Picking up things early is something that Suryakumar has done from a young age. And it was crucial in his growth as he wasn't among those kids who were anointed as 'the next big thing' in Mumbai cricket. There are far too many big things, including India captain Rohit Sharma, but Suryakumar wasn't one of them. Aswalkar says as much. "There were many who were playing at the same level. Even Suryakumar himself has said how so many who played alongside him are better. But his body language was different," he says.

Suryakumar Yadav | AP

Even as he made his strides in domestic cricket, Suryakumar had to wait for recognition. He was among the prolific T20 batters, especially after 2018, but the India call-up was not coming soon. In 2020, he was going through a purple patch as Mumbai Indians won their fifth IPL title, yet the wait continued.

Eventually, the pressure of not getting picked for India got into him. Aswalkar remembers one morning when Surya came to him while he was going through his routine as a curator. "The media was after him and I had to make him mentally strong," he says. "For 15 days, I had to control his frustration. I kept telling him to focus on his fitness and tell the media politely that you will call back when you get selected. I told him his time will come soon."

Shortly after the Australia tour, it did for the home series against England in February 2021. Since then, the Mumbaikar has not looked back. The ability and talent that Aswalkar has seen and known was unleashed. Within a year he was the best T20I batter in the world. The city of dreams, which has produced some of the greatest cricketers, has three of their own in this World Cup XI (Sharma and Shreyas Iyer). Yet, in the last few year, it was Suryakumar who had won the streets with his audacious strokeplay and rubber wrists.

The ODI and Test call-up came along, but success did not kiss him immediately in the 50-over format. Earlier this year, he got out for three consecutive ducks in ODIs, and once again Aswalkar was egging him on. "He had to do little adjustments from T20Is to one-dayers. I told him to give himself two-three innings and you will know how to approach, focus on the game and everything will work out. I told him to focus on singles and doubles and play in the 'V' and runs will come automatically. In the Australia series (before the World Cup), he did well. And he was a part of the World Cup."

At the global event, too, Surya had to wait for his chance. Once Hardik Pandya got injured, he became the designated enforcer at No. 6. Which means, his role has become very similar to what he does in the T20Is.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Oly bodies seeks talks with IOC

AGENCIES @ Geneva

OLYMPIC sports bodies want urgent talks with the IOC about the risk of cuts in their revenue shares and medal events at the 2028 Los Angeles Games because cricket and other newcomers were added to the program. The IOC last month approved cricket, baseball/softball, flag football, lacrosse and squash for 2028. The umbrella group of current Summer Games sports said the decision to increase to 36 sports "has raised several questions" among its members, who collectively shared $540 million of IOC-allocated money at each of the past two Olympics.

CHELSEA PROMISE, UNSTOPPABLE SALAH & MORE

MANCHESTER CITY BLEW THE LEAD THREE TIMES IN A SENSATIONAL 4-4 DRAW AT CHELSEA TO LEAVE THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS ONLY ONE POINT CLEAR AT THE TOP OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE. TALKING POINTS...

POCHETTINO'S MEN MAKE A POINT

Not for the first time in Mauricio Pochettino's short reign as Chelsea boss, the Blues were not found wanting when faced with the cream of the Premier League crop. Arsenal and Liverpool were lucky to escape with a point from Stamford Bridge earlier and Chelsea were well worthy of at least a share of the spoils against Pep Guardiola's men. Chelsea also ended Tottenham's unbeaten start with a 4-1 away win on Monday night. Chelsea have proven they can mix it with the best, the task for Pochettino is now to find the solution to break down deep-lying defences and move swiftly up the table.

HOME COMFORT FOR REDS

Liverpool's return to challenging for the title is being built around making Anfield a fortress to be feared once more. Jurgen Klopp's men have won all nine games at home this season in all competitions, scoring 27 goals in the process. **Mohamed Salah** has been central to that success as the Egyptian became the first Liverpool player ever to score in his first six home league games of a season. Salah's double in a 3-0 win over Brentford took his tally in English football to 200.

NEWCASTLE RUN OUT OF STEAM

Newcastle may be backed by the seemingly endless resources of the Saudi sovereign wealth fund, but Eddie Howe is fast running out of options on the field. They were without 11 first-team players for Saturday's defeat to Bournemouth and lost Miguel Almiron to another injury during the first half. Howe was forced to play without a natural striker due to the absence of both Alexander Isak and Callum Wilson. Teenage midfielder Lewis Miley was handed his first PL start, while another teenager Ben Parkinson was introduced from the bench.

EXPRESS READ

Atletico rally to overcome Villarreal in La Liga

MADRID: An inspired Antoine Griezmann helped Atletico Madrid come from behind to beat Villarreal 3-1 in La Liga, late on Sunday. The French forward netted his 300th strike for club and country in the win which keeps Atletico fourth, two points behind champions Barcelona, who beat Alaves earlier on.

Djokovic wins to ensure top finish

TURIN: Novak Djokovic will finish the year as World No 1 for a record-extending eighth time after beating Holger Rune 7-6 (4), 6-7 (1), 6-3 in his opening match at the ATP Finals. The 24-time Grand Slam champion needed just one win or a defeat for Carlos Alcaraz in order to secure top spot. Meanwhile, Alexander Zverev battled back from a set down to beat Alcaraz 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4.

Prannoy returns to action in Japan meet

KUMAMOTO (JAPAN): Shuttler HS Prannoy will make his much-anticipated return from a back injury, while Lakshya Sen will look to find his rhythm in the Japan Masters Super 500 tournament beginning here on Tuesday. Prannoy had pulled out of the Denmark and French Open due to a back injury that troubled him during his historic bronze medal-winning show at the Asian Games.

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DAY'S DIARY

Youngest Champion

On this day in 2010, a 23-year-old Sebastian Vettel became the youngest Formula One World Driver's Champion

UNDERDOG

Going into the season finale in Abu Dhabi, Vettel trailed Ferrari's Fernando Alonso and Red Bull teammate Mark Webber by 15 points and 7 points respectively

DOMINANT WIN

Vettel won the Grand Prix from pole–his fourth in a row–and sealed the title for himself, as his main title rival Alonso only finished in seventh place

TRIVIA

Following John Surtees in the 1964 season and James Hunt in 1976, Vettel became only the third title winner to not have topped the standings until after the last race

The electric pulse!

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DEFYING CONVENTIONS

UK-based freestyle footballer and Guinness World record holder Jamie Knight, recently in B'luru, speaks about his love for the form, and the growing interest in football in India

DESE GOWDA

One of the top 10 freestyle footballers in the world, with multiple Guinness World Records to boot, Jamie Knight wasn't interested in football growing up. Born to a family of swimmers, with his brother being an Irish swimming champion, Knight initially followed a similar path. Hence, unlike many athletes who discover their calling early, Knight developed an interest in the sport relatively late, at the age of 15.

"I was never a footballer, but I used to watch football, and I saw one of the players doing these tricks on the field and I was curious to try. Nothing complicated, just basic tricks, and I liked the feeling of it. A year later, I came across people doing freestyle football tricks for the first time. It kind of switched something on in my head," says the Irishman who recently paid his first visit to Bengaluru, to conduct a workshop at an international school in the city.

Freestyle football is a performative art that combines football with tricks, dance, acrobatics, and music. Unlike traditional football, it is performed by a solo player/performer either against an opponent or as part of a solo show. As one of the most recognised figures within the sport, Knight relishes the relative lack of constraints that the form offers over traditional football. "It's the freedom that you have with it. Football is a team sport and there are teammates, strategies, and things like that you have to worry about. I always like just having the ball to myself. I think it's also about self-expression as well. I sometimes like to put on some music and practice with the ball for hours," says the 30-year-old, adding, "I've always been a bit of a show-off! (laughs)."

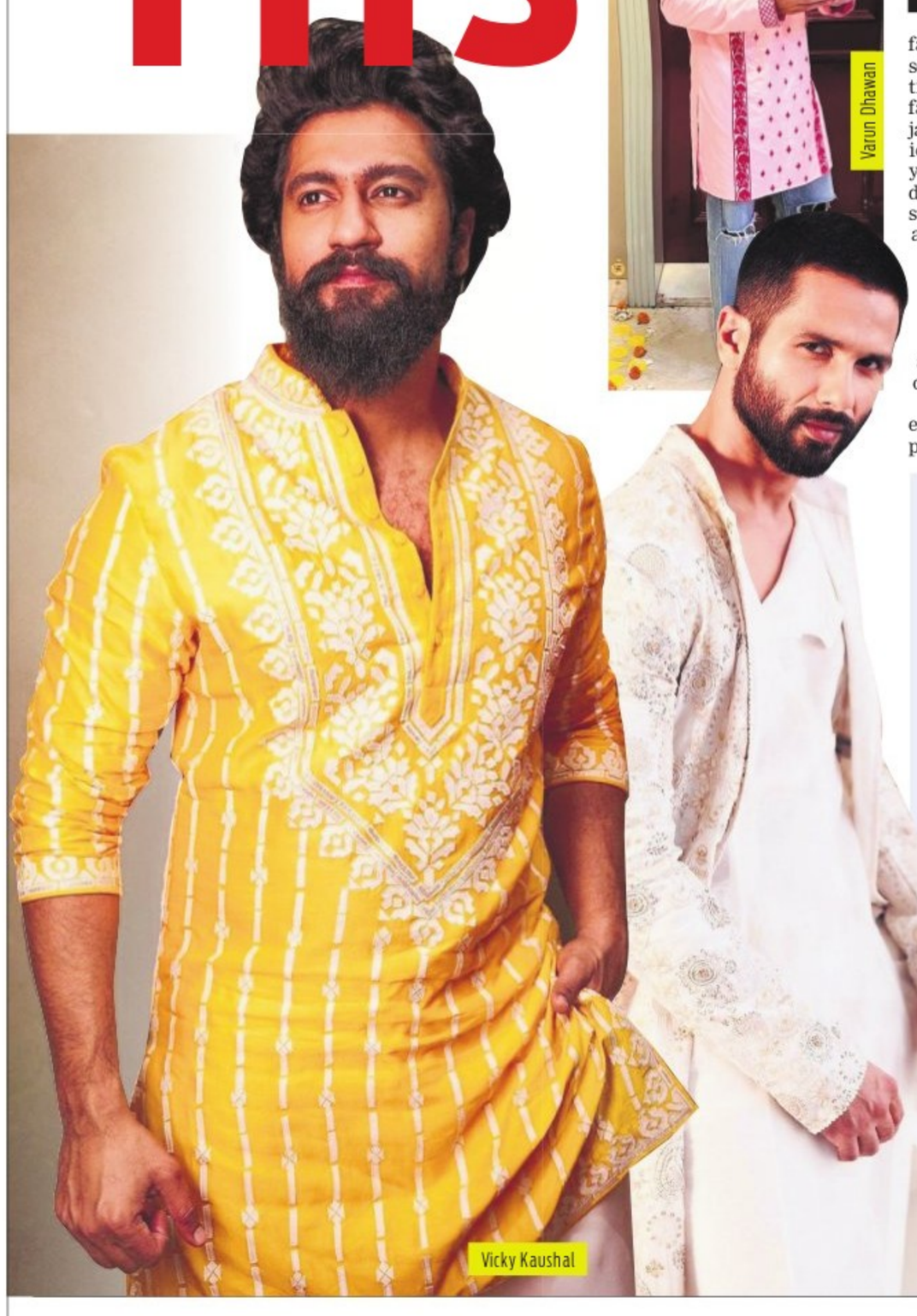
Having been part of the sport for nearly 15 years now, Knight was the official global Mascot for EURO 2020. He also performed on the pitch at back-to-back UEFA Champions League Finals in 2017 and 2018. In recent years, he has been focused on promoting the form, through workshops to schoolchildren both in the United Kingdom, as well as the rest of the world. "I've been doing school workshops since 2017. The aim is to package all the skills I know into something that could inspire children," he explains.

> *I think the trend towards football is positive nowadays in India. I used to think cricket was the top game and football was somewhere far behind, but now both these sports are almost neck to neck*
>
> Jamie Knight, freestyle footballer

Meanwhile, with the growing interest in professional football in India, Knight predicts that the country will soon be a force to be reckoned with on the global stage. "I think the trend towards football is positive nowadays in India. I used to think cricket was the top game and football was somewhere far behind, but now both these sports are almost neck to neck," he says adding, "There really is no reason why India cannot become a global player in the sport of football, and maybe even hopefully compete in the Football World Cup soon."

FESTIVE FITS

Varun Dhawan



Vicky Kaushal

Shahid Kapoor

From pastel shades to embroidered patterns, stylists in the city decode what's in for men's fashion this festive season

POOJA DAS

IT'S that time of the year when people don't just want to lit you their homes with diyas but also dazzle up the wardrobe with the latest fashion trends. While a lot is spoken about women's fashion, this time it is men's section that has all our attention. If you ever thought men's fashion is limited to kurta pyjamas, this Deepavali, the fashionistas in the city will show you how to go beyond that to dress up like your favourite stars. "Dressing up has become a very important part of men's personality and character. They are becoming much more aware of how they want to dress and what they want to say with their style," says Pradeep Agarwal, owner of a personal styling agency.

Going bold with colours in ethnic wear is one of the top picks this season, says Agarwal. "For Deepavali, there is a range of bright colours like yellow, red, and orange along with pastel shades like lavender. Mostly the looks of icons like MS Dhoni, Varun Dhawan, Kartik Aryan, and Ranveer Singh are common references," explains Agarwal, adding "Short and asymmetrical kurtas with unique embroidered patterns for that designer touch are in trend along with pyjama pants in white, beige, cream, or olive green colours. But again that depends on the combination of colours one is wearing."

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>
> Kathleen Baptist, stylist

Another personal stylist in the city, Kathleen Baptist says, "You can opt for minimal embroidery and embellishments for a clean, tailored look and pair it with complementary dhoti or pyjama pants for a comfortable traditional look." Baptist adds that there is also a growing trend of fusion fashion among modern men, "Outfits like Nehru jackets with kurta, a bandh gala jacket with fitted trousers are in trend. A pathani suit in pastel shades or earthy tones has also gained a lot of popularity," she adds.

With sustainable fashion being an overarching element across segments, there is also an increase in the use of eco-friendly fabrics in traditional wear. "A well-fitted kurta with a mandarin collar in eco-friendly fabrics in rich festive colours will also go very well for any event," says Baptist. She further adds, "The year has been about making a statement with bold prints and vibrant colours; from floral patterns and geometric motifs on kurtas to vibrant hues like red and yellow."

"Bright pastel shades are being preferred by men this winter season and if you are going for a full kurta set then pastel is the best option," says Manogya Chaudhary, a fashion stylist in the city. She also emphasises the importance of accessories if you are going for the modern fusion look. "Adding a shawl to the short kurta paired up with your best denim can be a statement at any festive event or party. Adding a pair of low sneakers with denim will also look good," adds Chaudhary.

KEEPING IT TRADITIONAL

The United Kingdom's Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, and First Lady, Akshata Murty, lit up 10 Downing Street with diyas as a part of the Deepavali celebration on Sunday. Murty, who carried a bit of her Kannadiga heritage with her for the celebration, looked elegant in a royal blue silk saree, which many have been speculating as Mysore silk. She paired it with a gold Gandaberunda pendant attached to a pearl necklace. Gandaberunda, which represents the two-headed bird from Hindu mythology, is also the official emblem of the Karnataka state government and holds a special significance to the people of Karnataka. Known for her understated yet powerful style, Murty has always been a head-turner. The Deepavali photos also show their daughters, Krishna and Anoushka in ethnic wear.

Many budding musicians are increasingly using Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to supplement their music. Compared to a traditional music video production, AI not only offers a cost effective solution, but also allows creators to experiment

Best of both worlds

MONIKA MONALISA

THE advent of powerful Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools in the past year has created a havoc in the art world, sparking an intense and oftentimes existential debates about the use of such technologies. Yet, GenZ creators have openly embraced the tech, showing that the traditional can co-exist with the new in harmony.

When 14-year-old Mischa Dudley, decided to create a music video for her latest song *Understand Me*, she chose to use AI tools over a traditional shoot. The savings in cost and time was one of the biggest allure of the technology for Dudley. "I wanted to work on a video for the song. But I was unsure about a proper shoot, since the process is very time consuming and not mention expensive. So I used AI to create a video and it came out really well," says Dudley.

Dudley is not alone in embracing AI to supplement their creative works either. Musician and singer Amaira Sharma, recently released a cover of *Gangster Paradise* by Coolio and Kylian Mash, featuring an AI-generated video. "Initially I was pretty surprised with the idea of creating the entire video with AI . But I went ahead with it anyway," says Sharma. Despite the tech being relatively new, Sharma says the learning curve is steep. "People might ask 'Why not choose animation instead? But again these AI outputs are unique and people would have rarely seen anything like it. It's much more innovative, and it pulls the audience in," she explains.

Tanya Shanker, yet another creator, agrees. For her previous song, *What lies Beneath*, Shanker did an underwater shoot. But for her latest song *Innocent Girl*, she went with AI instead. "There's a lot of hysteria with AI. There's a lot of sort of fear that taking over a job, or music for that matter. A lot of people are also open enough to understand AI's potential. So I think it's definitely interesting to see both sides," Shanker explains.

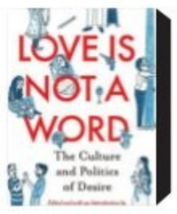
Cost definitely plays an important factor. Armaan Mishra, a cinematographer and also works in creating AI generated videos says sometimes depending on songs the singer decides on going all the way out with a shoot or go for a video created from AI. "Doing a video can cost around 30,000 to many lakhs, depending on how you want it. Something that is semi-professional will cost around 50,000-2 lakhs but in AI you can generate something with the subscription of almost $100(₹8000) a year. It is a huge difference. It is about the right input to get the right kind of output," says Mishra.

CITY READ

Technical Training Institute launches new skill-development course

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has announced the expansion of its Toyota Technical Training Institute (TTTI) in Bidadi. The institute will double its student intake from 600 to 1200, including 600 female students. The expansion also includes a new 2-year course, Toyota Kaushalya, to promote skill development. The inagural event was attended by deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar, medical education & skill development, entrepreneurship and livelihood minister, Dr Sharanaprakash Rudrappa Patil, minister of fisheries, ports and inland transport, Mankal S Vaidya, among others.

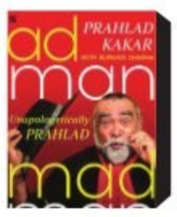
BOOK NOOK



Love is Not a Word

By Debotri Dhar

The author reminds us that love or desire is as much art as accident and as full of light and clarity as it is of darkness and confusion. In the 12 essays, scholars and storytellers examine some of the myriad aspects of this emotion and its complexities.



Adman Madman

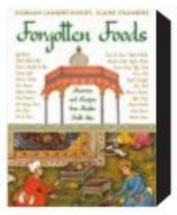
By Prahlad Kakar

Kakar has worn many hats in his life. From secrets of the trade to how he created memorable brands or stories behind the celebrated advertisements that launched models to being Shyam Benegal's assistant, the book promises it all.

Empower Yourself Right Now

A Masterclass from the Supergurus

The book curates words of supergurus have motivated billions around the globe. It tackles the most commonly faced roadblocks to personal growth such as self-doubt, negative patterns of thinking, procrastination, and a fear of the unknown.



Forgotten Foods

By Rana Safvi

Includes poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz's modest, homely tastes to Bhopali shami kabab recipes to the rich foodscape of Manipur's Pangal community and Tarana Husain Khan's Rampuri dishes and the delicate murgh korma of Awadh.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Clay Hands

At this workshop, make pottery souvenirs by discovering and experimenting with the various creative techniques of clay moulding.

When: Nov 14, 7pm
Where: SmallWorld, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

Board Break

Take a break from the hustle of work and engage in a session of board games from all over the world. Whether you turn up solo or with your friends, a fun experience awaits you.

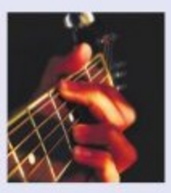
When: Nov 14, 6pm **Where:** Dialogues Cafe, Koramangala
Details: meetup.com

For Laughs

Witness a stellar lineup featuring comics like Peeyush Kumar, Anand Rathnam, Goutham Govindan, as you look forward to a night full of laughter, cheer and fun.

When: Nov 15, 8.30pm
Where: BurgerMan, Indiranagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

STRING THERAPY



Embark on the journey of learning how to play a guitar. Develop your foundational skills under the expert guidance of instructor, Joseph.

When: Nov 14, 5pm
Where: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
Details: bookmyshow.com

Karaoke Night

Sing your heart out at this karaoke night party with your favourite Kannada, Hindi, and English tunes.

When: Nov 14, 10pm **Where:** Marcopolo cafe, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

Drama World

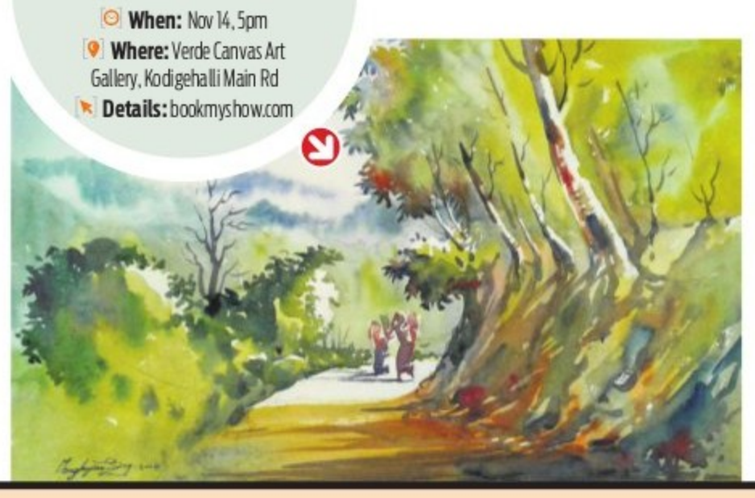
Visit a utopian land with memorable characters and a hilarious tale through Badal Sircar's English adaptation of a Bengali play, *Beyond Hattamala*, in collaboration with Bangalore Little Theatre.

When: Nov 14, 5pm
Where: National Gallery of Modern Art, Palace Road
Details: townscript.com

Art Gala

Select your favourite art piece that would make for a perfect home decor item from a variety of portraits, abstracts, nature, and watercolour art.

When: Nov 14, 5pm
Where: Verde Canvas Art Gallery, Kodigehalli Main Rd
Details: bookmyshow.com



TREE OF LIFE

Artist HS Venugopala showcases his intricate paintings, capturing the serenity and stillness of trees, at Chitrakala Parishath on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

POSHTO PASTE WITH RICE

Contributed by **Mehuli Dutt,** Delhi

INGREDIENTS

- **Poppy seeds:** 1/2 cup
- **Mustard oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Onion (optional):** 1 diced
- **Salt to taste**
- **Green chillies:** 2 for grinding and 3 to be kept whole

METHOD

- Soak poppy seeds for an hour. Drain the water with the help of a strainer and transfer it into the jar of a grinder.
- Add 2 green chillies, 2 tablespoons of water into the jar. Grind it till it becomes a smooth paste. Transfer the paste into a bowl.
- Add 1 teaspoon mustard oil and 3 whole green chillies into the bowl. Add salt, oil and onions. Eat with steamed rice.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

DANDASANA HANDS HEAD ROLLING BACK
(STAFF POSE HANDS HEAD ROLLING BACK)

Staff Pose Hands Back Head Rolling is a variation with base pose as Dandasana (Staff Pose). This pose is practised for relaxing the leg muscles and the hips after intense sessions of other yoga poses.

STEPS

- Sit on the mat with the legs stretched and toes pointed upwards. Keep the spine and neck erect, legs together and feet gently touching each other.
- Place the palm on the floor by the side of your hips. Stretch your toes inward and firmly press thighs and heels on the floor.
- Inhale. Then, exhale, bring your palms behind you, leaning back into it with a straight spine, fingers pointing opposite your body.
- Lift your chest. Slightly bend the elbows. Do not bend back a lot.
- Feel the opening of your chest and shoulders and how your diaphragm is released.
- Look straight and take slow breaths.
- Hold this pose from 20 seconds to a minute depending on how long you feel comfortable.
- Finally, keep your body relaxed.

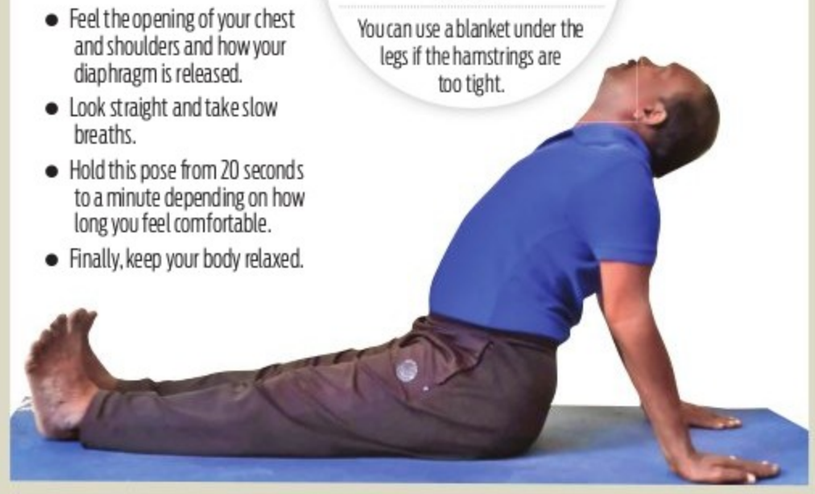
BENEFITS

- Helps improve the posture.
- Useful to strengthen the back muscles and stretches the spine.
- Helps relieve complications related to the reproductive organs.
- Helps build resistance to back and hip injuries.
- Helps calm brain cells.
- May improve functionality of the digestive organs.
- Helps create body awareness.
- It also provides a mild stretch for hamstrings.

LIMITATIONS

People who have injuries in knee, ankle or wrist, have undergone spinal surgeries and issues with lower back, should avoid this asana.

You can use a blanket under the legs if the hamstrings are too tight.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

HALF LOVE HALF ARRANGED (Hindi, series)

This rom-com follows the life of two 30-year-old millennials, Riya and Jogi, who discover the world of arranged dating. After rejecting numerous marriage proposals, Riya finally finds a companion in Jogi, who has his share of secrets. Will Riya and Jogi's love story have a happily ever after?

Cast: Maanvi Gagroo, Karan Wahi, Grusha Kapoor

- **Watch on:** Amazon Mini TV

37:11 PM (Telugu)

An incident that takes place at 7:11 pm changes the fate of a town called Hamsala Deevi and a planet called Proxima-EV12. Ravi travels through time to stop a criminal mastermind, save his loved ones and his beloved town.

Cast: Saahas Pagadala, Deepika Reddy, Tess Walsh, Raghu Karumanchi

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

HARKARA (Tamil)

A frustrated postman decides to fool innocent villagers in a ploy to get him transferred. As he walks uphill to deliver his last letter, a wayfarer narrates to him the story of a Harkara, which instills guilt.

Cast: Ram Arun Castro, Kaali Venkat, Gowthami Chowdhry, Nicolas Fuster

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

HAWA (Punjabi)

A group of seasoned fishermen bring in bountiful catch on a daily basis. However, one day their routine fishing trip takes a bewildering turn when their nets unexpectedly ensnare a woman.

Cast: Chanchal Chowdhury, Nazifa Tushi, Nasir Uddin Khan

- **Watch on:** Chaupal

RAITHTHAM (Tamil)

Ranjith, an acclaimed editor of a leading publication leaves the job when he loses his wife and lives a secluded life in Kolkata with his daughter. A few years later, when his close friend is killed by a crazy fan, Ranjith is forced to get back to the job.

Cast: Vijay Anthony, Aravith, Sivalingam Babu, DVD Bala

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

NINNA SANIHAKE (Kannada)

Aditya and Amrutha meet each other at a prank-off and grow to be lovers; eventually, they get into a live-in relationship and discover each other as they try to overcome family troubles, societal norms, and trust issues that threaten their future.

Cast: Suraj Gowda, Dhanya Ramkumar, Aruna Balraj

- **Watch on:** Dollywood Play

TATSAMA TADBHAVA (Kannada)

A young woman seeks help from the police after her husband goes missing. A seasoned police inspector delves into the perplexing investigation that reveals a web of secrets, lies, and mystery.

Cast: Prajwal Devaraj, Meghana Raj, Aravind Iyer, Balaji Manohar

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE WRATH OF BECKY (English)

A sequel to the 2020 thriller. While the 16-year-old Becky now attempts to rebuild her life, she is thrown into chaos once more when a ruthless faction invades her home.

Cast: Lulu Wilson, Seann William Scott, Denise Burse

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

WINGWOMEN (French)

Carole and Alex are two thieves who have been best friends since forever. Under Marraine's thumb for years, they have one dream: freedom. With the help of a motorbike champion, Sam, they try to free themselves from the clutches of their life on the run. However, the trio has one easy last job.

Cast: Adèle Exarchopoulos, Mélanie Laurent, Manon Bresch

- **Watch on:** Netflix

CYBERBUNKER: THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLD (German)

The documentary focuses on the Cyberbunker built by Herman Johan Xennt. This bunker had servers that hosted illegal service providers on the Internet. One of the websites it hosted was known as Wall Street Market, a drug store.

- **Watch on:** Netflix

THE BUCCANEERS (English)

It centres on an exuberant cohort of young American women. They experience the highly structured London marriage market, causing a cultural collision between American vivacity and British tradition.

Cast: Guy Remmers, Matthew Broome, Simone Kirby

- **Watch on:** Apple TV

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THE ELECTRIC PULSE!

Spike in petrol prices; a growing focus on conserving the environment...whatever the reason, sale of electric two-wheelers is not showing any signs of slowing down

The festival season is here, and it's the perfect time to buy a new two-wheeler. However, with petrol price refusing to budge from its ₹100 mark, economics takes centre stage when it comes to buying a new vehicle.

That's not all. There's also a growing thrust to lean away from anything that wreaks havoc on the planet. This likely explains why more people are embracing electric vehicles these days. Over a million new electric two-wheelers hit the streets in India this year.

CE brings you a selection of models that have caught our attention.

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

ULTRAVIOLETTE F77

The Ultraviolette F77 combines advanced technology with a sleek design. It is equipped with a liquid-cooled electric motor delivering 33.5ps of power and 90Nm of torque. The bike features a sophisticated battery management system ensuring optimal performance and safety of the lithium-ion battery pack. F77 boasts a range of 150km on a single charge and can be recharged in just 1.5 hours using a fast charger. It has three riding modes: Eco, Sport, and Insane. The bike also has a regenerative braking system that helps recover energy during braking, thereby extending the range. Price ₹3.80-5.60 lakh.

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

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FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

REVOLT RV 400

The Revolt RV 400 Electric Bike is tailored for smart, eco-friendly urban commuting. It boasts a range of 150km on a single charge and offers a top speed of 85km/hr. It is powered by a 72V 3.24kWh lithium-ion battery that can be swapped at designated stations or charged at home via a standard socket. The RV 400 has a smart dashboard displaying key information and a smartphone app, allowing users to customise performance, sound, and security settings. The price starts at ₹1.4 lakh.

OBEN RORR

Oben Electric Rorr embodies innovation, performance, and sustainability. It features a potent battery system, providing a range up to 500km on a single charge. With its aerodynamic design and advanced safety features like adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping assist, and collision avoidance, the Oben Rorr Electric Bike delivers a powerful and secure ride. Additionally, it features a smart display, hydraulic disc brakes, and a lightweight frame, with a unique folding mechanism for easy storage and transportation. Price ₹1.5 lakh.

HOP OXO

HOP OXO, which boasts a top speed of 95km/h, is a high-speed electric motorcycle that has really augmented its performance and range with the latest upgrade. It also offers a wide array of features via its 'Huron mobile app'. Users can access RSA assistance, book services, and locate charging stations through it. OXO starts at a competitive price of ₹1.43 lakh (ex-showroom).

TORK KRATOS

Kratos is an electric street bike that showcases the technological prowess of Tork Motors. It comes in two variants - Urban and R. While Urban boasts a peak power of 7.5kW, maximum torque of 28Nm, and a top speed of 100km/h, the R variant enjoys 9kW power, maximum torque of 38Nm, and a top speed of 105km/h. Both come with a 4kWh lithium-ion battery pack that is IP67 certified and can deliver a range of 180km on a single charge. Prices start at ₹1.67 lakh for the Urban variant and ₹1.85 lakh for R.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

TVS IQUBE

TVS Motors' iQube electric scooter is offered in three variants: standard, S, and ST. They are priced from ₹1.22 lakh. TVS iQube gets a battery pack of up to 5.1kWh and offers a range of up to 145km per charge, depending on the variant.

ATHER 450X

Ather has introduced two new variants of the Ather 450X. The Pro pack adds features like Ride Assist, Ather battery protection, AtherStack updates, and Ather Connect. The 7-inch DeepView display now offers auto-brightness and better sunlight legibility. On-board navigation provides 18+ directional possibilities for navigation, along with enhanced switchgear features. It also includes an 'Emergency Stop Signal' to alert riders behind during panic-braking situations. Price ₹1.28 - ₹1.49 lakh.

HERO VIDA V1 PRO

Hero Motocorp's Vida V1 Pro is the latest entrant in the EV space. It's currently available at a price of ₹1.46 lakh. Vida V1 Pro gets a 3.94 kWh removable battery pack and is claimed to offer a range of 165 km on a single charge. It comes paired with a 6kW electric motor.

HERO OPTIMA 2.0

Hero Electric has unveiled three new electric scooters equipped with advanced technology. The Optima CX 2.0 features a single battery, while the Optima CX 5.0 and NYX come with twin batteries. These scooters feature a new design language with LED lighting and DRLs. The CX 2.0 offers a range of 89km, while the CX5.0 and NYX, with two batteries, claim a range of 113km. CX prices range between ₹1.3-1.4 lakh, Nyx comes at ₹74,000-₹86,000.

OLA S1 AIR

The Ola S1 Air is one of the most budget-friendly electric scooters from Ola, aiming to provide the full S1 experience at an economical price point. Built on Ola's Gen 2 platform, the S1 Air has undergone subtle yet noticeable changes in its appearance. It now features a flat footboard, telescopic front suspension, drum brakes, and a new dual-tone paint scheme. Twin shocks and a box-section swing arm at the back enhance the ride experience. Price ₹1.2-1.5 lakh.

OKHI 90

Okinawa introduced the 2023 Okhi 90 with several new features. This updated model includes a colour digital driver's display and improved connectivity, and offers a range of 160km on a single charge with a peak speed of 80 to 90 miles per hour. Real-time features such as battery SOC monitoring, speed monitoring, and on/off notifications further enhance the scooter's utility. As India continues its journey toward a more sustainable and eco-friendly transportation future, the electric two-wheeler landscape is evolving rapidly. With these innovative and high-performance electric motorcycles and scooters hitting the market, riders now have more choices than ever, ensuring a brighter and cleaner future for India's urban mobility.

HOP LEO

HOP Electric Mobility's HOP LEO is equipped with a 2.1kWh lithium-ion battery, capable of covering 120km on a single charge in just 2.5 hours. HOP LEO e-scooter comes in both high-speed registered and low-speed non-registered variants, priced at ₹97,500 and ₹84,000, respectively.

Capturing the relationship between birds and water, author Shubha Bhat talks about her book *Pakshi Jala*, which documents over 200 species of birds around the IISc campus

(Clockwise from bottom-left) Ultramarine Flycatcher, Indian Pitta, Scaly-breasted Munia, Kashmir Flycatcher's first sighting in Karnataka in 2013

Jala is water, but it also means a web that reflects the symbiotic relationship that connects everything in nature, and it can also mean indrajala which is magic, and this is magic!

Shubha Bhat, author

BIRD CHRONICLES

POOJA DAS

IT takes a different kind of imagination and empathy to see a world beyond us. Shubha Bhat, a nature lover-turned-birdwatcher can be seen as one of them. Her book, *Pakshi Jala*, which was recently released by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is an extensive photographic documentation of over 200 species of birds in and around the IISc Campus.

While talking about her journey of becoming a photographer, she says, "I didn't want to become a photographer first of all but I was always very passionate about nature as a whole. When I was living on campus, I used to feel that I had all the facilities, but these birds and animals do not always have easy access to water and they also can't ask for it." This thought was the inception of Bhat's birdbath initiative which started in 2009.

The book, which is an IISc Press Production, came to life due to continuous encouragement and support from Bhat's friends and family. "I had never had an intention to write a book, it was just to learn about nature. I don't come from a botany and biology background either. I can just give them my observations and experience nothing more than that," shares Bhat.

Bhat recalls sighting and documentation of a rare Kashmir Flycatcher in Karnataka in 2013. "I was sure it was a different bird because I had never seen it before. I had to get help from my mentor and advisors to identify the bird. I wasn't sure whether they would agree with me so I took videos and to my surprise, it was Kashmir Flycatcher, and they said it was a first record for Karnataka, and that too from my garden," says Bhat.

While sharing her thought process behind the book's name, Bhat says, "I like the word 'Jala' because it can have a lot of meanings. Jala is water, but it also means a web that reflects the symbiotic relationship that connects everything in nature, and it can also mean indrajala which is magic, and this is magic!"

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'AS A FILMMAKER, I AM A BIG RISK-TAKER'

...says director Hemanth M Rao as he talks about his upcoming film, *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello* Side B, featuring Rakshit Shetty, Rukmini Vasanth, and Chaithra Achar

> *Audiences have the right to experience the film as they see fit, and I can't change that. If they find it slow, they find it slow, and for those who think it's at the right pace, they see it that way*
>
> – Hemanth M Rao, director

A SHARADHAA

The reception of Hemanth M Rao's *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello* Side A has established commendable standards for Side B, which is set to release this week. While the director is engrossed in last-minute preparations, he is unable to contain his palpable excitement, knowing that audiences are eagerly anticipating watching Side B. "The decision to present the narrative of *SSE* in two parts has served its purpose well. Our goal was to infuse a certain level of curiosity into a love story, approached in a distinctly unique manner—an experimental concept. I am glad that people got invested in the story and want to know where the story goes. Every filmmaker relies on instinct, and in this case, it has proven successful. It is a nice feeling," remarks Hemanth, delving deep into the film, backed by Rakshit Shetty's Paramvah Studios.

The choice to bifurcate the film into two segments was made post-production, leaving no room for reshoots, admits Hemanth, who reveals that the essence of the film remains true to its initial conception. While Side A, initially released in Kannada and later in Telugu and Hindi, didn't capture a broad audience, the film's OTT release in various languages got an overwhelming response. The romantic drama's Side B is poised for a grander spectacle with its theatrical release in multiple languages. Can the audience grasp the journey of Side B without experiencing Side A? "*SSE* received acclaim in theaters and enjoyed an equally positive viewership on Prime Video. Viewers have messaged me, expressing that they've watched Side A on OTT and are eagerly awaiting Side B. Rakshit too has received numerous offers from various industries to release the film in their respective languages," he reveals.

Chaithra B Achar

Rakshit Shetty

Rukmini Vasanth

The film, chronicling the journey of Manu and Priya portrayed by Rakshit Shetty and Rukmini Vasanth, introduces the character of Surabhi, played by Chaithra Achar, as a noteworthy addition to the principal cast in Side B. Gopal Deshpande joins other actors, who will seamlessly transition from Side A to Side B. According to Hemanth, the narrative delves into themes of relationships and explores their evolution upon revisitation. "The film, treated with distinctive hues of Blue in Side A and Red in Side B, symbolises calmness and tumult, respectively. It's a tale of the same characters, yet not entirely so, a nuance exemplified through the music where the lyrics remain consistent, but their treatment and melody undergo divergence," says the director, who brings the film to a conclusion, with Side B while he contemplates a future amalgamation of both parts into a singular experimental film.

How did Hemanth approach Side B, characterised by heightened aggression? "I have adhered to the story, using it as a moral compass throughout the filmmaking process. A new approach was adopted for *SSE* A and B, aligning with the demands of the narrative," he asserts.

What does he think about those who find Side A of *SSE* and his films, in general, slow-moving? "Audiences have the right to experience the film as they see fit, and I can't change that. If they find it slow, they find it slow, and for those who think it's at the right pace, they see it that way. My intention is not to test the audience's patience. I take them and their patience seriously. What I want to make clear is that I don't want to be just like any other filmmaker and make a fast film thinking it will work. I don't want to follow a template because that's not my identity. However, the audience can't force me to become a certain kind of filmmaker. I want to build a specific relationship with them through my films. Regarding *SSE*, unlike Side A, Side B is not slow; it's the opposite, and it's fast. You can't please everyone. It's important to have filmmakers with different styles, and I like to present it in my way," he says.

This is Hemanth's second film with Rakshit Shetty after *Godhi Banna Sadharna Mykattu*, and the director believes that he can include Rakshit in every film if given the chance. Is Hemanth making a safe choice by having Rakshit Shetty, an actor and producer, who trusts in his creativity? "No. Basically, I am a big risk-taker. First, I don't make films that others have already made. I like to experiment and choose people who can join me on the journey. I also consider the audience and their money. One year of my work has to make sense for two hours. Rakshit, more than being a producer, is a fantastic actor who loves cinema even more than I do. He will always be my first choice. Making this kind of film requires guts, and Rakshit was open to it. His sensibility greatly contributed to *SSE*," he explains.

While he is glad to introduce new faces into his films, including actors, lyricists, and singers, which he believes adds value to the film, Hemanth regrets not being able to fit Anant Nag into any role in *SSE*. "I tried, but it would have felt forced if I wanted to include a role for Anant Nag sir. I thought about it for a few days, but nothing worked," says Hemanth. He concludes with a message to the audience. "Many people have watched Side A in theaters and more on OTT. I want to tell them to come and watch Side B in theaters. Like every other filmmaker across the country, we also work towards making quality films, and *SSE* provides a great theatrical experience." he signs off.

I don't believe in switching but evolving: Ester Noronha

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Ester Noronha is a multi-talented individual, exploring the realm of cinema. A singer since childhood and a dancer, she has faced the camera in over 40 films across seven languages, including Hindi, Marathi, Kannada, Tulu, Konkani, Telugu, and Tamil. Now, she is set to embark on her directorial journey with *The Vacant House*, produced by her mother under the banner Janet Noronha Productions.

Ester shares her thoughts with *CE* ahead of the film's release this week.

To begin with, Ester reveals her passion for cinema, stating, "When I started off, I didn't know anything about cinema, but since my young age, I enjoyed everything about art, not knowing where it was taking me because it made me happy. Today, my love for art has lead me to cinema."

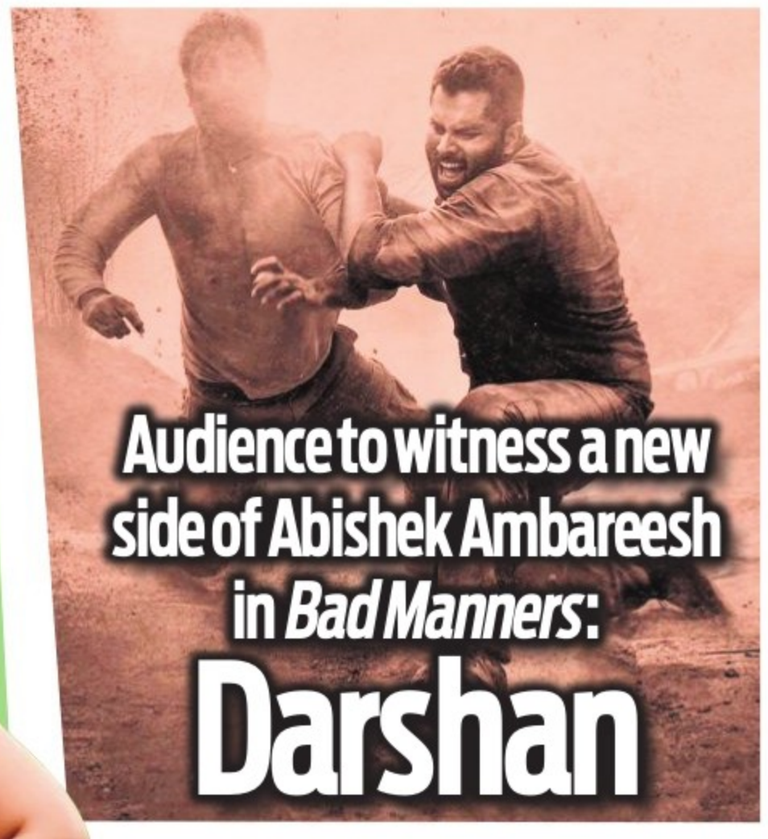
After a decade as an actor, Ester explains her decision to direct, stating, "I don't believe in switching but evolving. I was a singer, and people thought I might leave it the moment I focused on dancing, and it was the case when I became an actor too. Society often tells us that we can only do one thing, which is something I don't agree with. I am someone who likes to explore, not be confined. I evolved with each art, explored every aspect of my talent, and saw how far I could reach, and how better I can be from yesterday. I feel being stuck in one thing might be frustrating, monotonous, and saturating at one point. So only when we question ourselves and reinvent ourselves, can we enjoy our journey," she says.

According to Ester, *The Vacant House*, for which she has written the story, screenplay, and dialogues, is based on things she has observed, connecting with today's generation. "It's a love story but with a new perspective combined with fear. It is about how people deal with promises, and emotions without analyzing the consequences. It is not just ghosts that bring fear; it is a person killing another person while they are alive. When someone gives an empty promise to someone, anybody watching The Vacant House will realise what was going through my mind," she says.

Bringing her wholesome experience to direction, Ester emphasises the importance of 'clarity,' which she has been learning through the process. "Every six months, technology has been upgrading. So does the way of storytelling, and as actors, we need to upgrade every month," says Ester, who is happy to have the best support coming from her parents. "My films are produced by my mother; I act, and my father claps. So everything about cinema exists in the family," she concludes.

Ester Noronha

A still from the film



Audience to witness a new side of Abishek Ambareesh in *Bad Manners*: Darshan

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At the trailer launch, the Challenging Star mentioned that director Suri has come up with an interesting plot in his next that sheds light on the culture of guns among the youth

The much-anticipated film *Bad Manners*, a collaboration between Suri and Abishek Ambareesh, is nearing its release on November 24. The makers recently unveiled the trailer, which was launched by Challenging Star Darshan in the presence of Abishek's mother, Sumalatha Ambareesh, Rockline Venkatesh, senior actor Dattanna, and Umesh, Vinod Prabhakar, Dhanveerrah, and Vikram Ravichandran, among others.

During the launch event, Darshan shared that the film explores the theme of guns and commended director Suri for conceptualising such an intriguing project with a distinctive approach. Unlike typical films addressing drug abuse among youth, *Bad Manners* sheds light on the culture of guns among the youth, promising entertainment while raising awareness, mentions Darshan, who also spoke about Abishek's transformation in the film. He expressed that audiences will witness a new side of the actor, contrasting with his debut in *Amar* (2019), and credited director Suri for this evolution.

Sumalatha, Abishek's mother, expressed her excitement about *Bad Manners*, mentioning that she is particularly thrilled after watching the trailer. The film's release on Nov 24 holds special significance as it coincides with the 4th anniversary of Ambareesh's demise.

Directed by Suri, the film also stars Rachita Ram and Priyanka Kumar. Produced by Sudhir KM, Bad Manners has the story, screenplay, and dialogues written by Suri along with Surendranath, and Amri. The film has music by Charan Raj and cinematography by Shekar.

A still from the film

Balachandra's *Kannanjaru* to be a rural thriller

CE FEATURES

Director R Balachandra is shouldering multiple responsibilities for his upcoming film, *The Dark Side of Kannanjaru*. Serving as both the director and lead actor, he is also producing the film under the banner RP Films. This thriller is centered around the events unfolding in the village of Kannanjaru in Karkala.

The film's significance is deeply rooted in its thrilling narrative, and the shooting, spanning various locations including Karkala, Udupi, and Honnavar, has been completed. "I had initially delegated the directorial responsibilities to someone else, but when it didn't work out, I took over," says Balachandra, who has filmed in places like Karkala, Udupi, Honnavar, and other coastal areas for 55 to 60 days. The film is in the final stages of post-production, and the team recently released a motion poster of the film, which might hit the screens early 2024.

The film stars Sharmitha Gowda, senior actor Ramakrishna, PS Sridhar, and Megha. While Harshavardhan Raj is handling the music, Shashank Sheshagiri is in charge of the background score, Venki Udivi is the editor, and Manjunath Hegde is the cinematographer.

A still from the film